

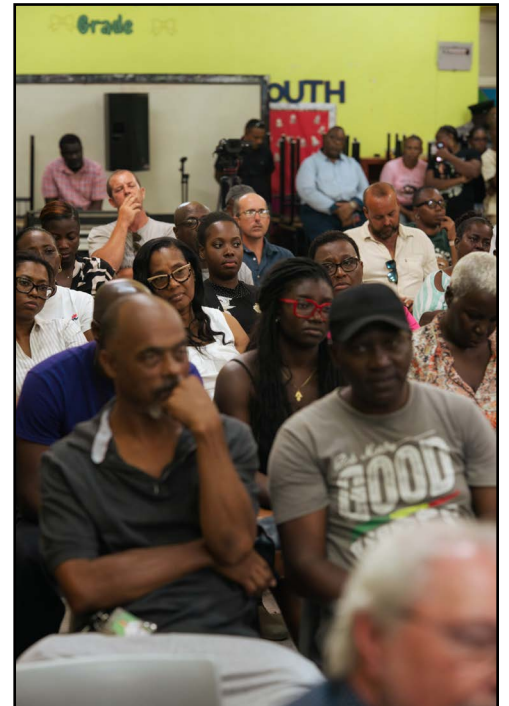
Town Hall Series Ends On A High Note

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A colourful welcome awaits CHOGM officials and delegates at a Welcome Desk set up at the Arrivals Lounge at the VC Bird International Airport

Town Hall Series Ends On A High Note



The series of two impactful town hall meetings organized by the National Task Force responsible for all arrangements related to Antigua and Barbuda's hosting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) ended on a high note at the Cobbs Cross primary school on Tuesday night.

The panel was headed by Task Force chairman and Foreign Affairs Minis-

ter, E.P Chet Greene, who led the way in reassuring residents of the St. Paul's community that despite hosting the final event of CHOGM 26, there will be minimal disruptions to their daily routine.

In fact, MP Greene noted that as the parliamentary representative for the area, he is pleased that the planning of the several events included one in St. Paul, a fact for which he was justly

proud. The Copper and Lumber Store will host the closing cocktail party on November 4.

Alongside his delight that St. Paul's will host one of the CHOGM events, the foreign affairs minister is also pleased that countries representing one-third of the world's population will gather in Antigua and Barbuda for this important meeting.



community has had a long history of hosting international events such as the Antigua Sailing Week, several ocean going races and concert events such as Reggae in the Park.

Following an evening of fruitful discussion on how CHOGM will affect the members of the public, the Task Force chairman expressed confidence that the people of Antigua and Barbuda will 'rise to the occasion' and put on the 'most successful CHOGM ever'.

"I want to say to you that this is an 'all of country arrangement'. There is

no 'red' or 'blue', unless one adds the white, the yellow and the back of the national flag. This is not a political arrangement and for those who seek to insert politics, I want to remind them that the National Flag carries this event and together we will carry it to the finish line," he declared.

Other members of the panel included Supt. Elson Quannie of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda and Events Lead on the CHOGM Task Force, Petley O'Kieffe.



Minister Greene was highly complementary of the Antigua and Barbuda Cabinet for its commitment to invest millions of dollars in preparation and infrastructural development ahead of CHOGM. For the minister, this was not 'an instant coffee moment' as he does not anticipate instant results.

"Don't expect that the government will invest \$100 million today and get it back tomorrow; it's an investment for the future. It's an investment in putting Antigua and Barbuda's name snugly in the international column where recognition is concern," he stated.

According to Greene, the St. Paul



Government Approves Restructuring of Port Health and Border Health Services

The government has approved the restructuring and formal establishment of the Port Health and Border Health Services as an integrated national programme within the Ministry of Health.

The initiative is intended to strengthen the country's capacity to prevent, detect and respond to public health threats entering through its airports, seaports and other designated points of entry, while safeguarding the health of residents and visitors and supporting the continued growth of tourism, aviation and maritime activities.

Antigua and Barbuda's dependence on international travel and trade makes effective border health protection an essential component of national health security. The movement of passengers, crew, aircraft, vessels and goods presents opportunities for economic development, but also creates potential pathways for communicable diseases and other public health risks to enter or spread throughout the country.

The restructuring will bring existing Port Health, environmental health, surveillance and response functions under a unified management and accountability framework, with clearly defined leadership responsibilities, consistent operational standards, dedicated staffing and strengthened coordination among the relevant agencies.

The integrated programme will cover V.C. Bird International Airport, Burton-Nibbs International Airport in Barbuda, St. John's Port and its associated piers, Falmouth Harbour and Jolly Harbour. This arrangement will allow the Ministry to deploy personnel more efficiently in response to routine operational demands, seasonal increases in passenger and vessel traffic, and public health emergencies.

Under the approved framework, a Programme Manager for Port Health and Border Health Services will assume overall responsibility for programme planning, implementation, workforce deployment, resource man-



agement, inter-agency coordination, monitoring and performance.

The Programme Manager will report directly to the Permanent Secretary for administrative, operational and programme accountability.

The framework will preserve the professional and technical authority of the Ministry's established health disciplines. The Chief Medical Officer

will retain overarching public health and medical technical governance, while the Chief Health Inspector will maintain professional and technical oversight of environmental health functions. Senior Port Health Nurses will continue to operate under the professional nursing authority of the Principal Nursing Officer or another designated senior nursing authority.

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Cabinet also approved the establishment and/or filling of 22 positions to support the programme's operations across Antigua and Barbuda. These positions will provide the multidisciplinary capacity required to strengthen medical and nursing coverage, epidemiological surveillance, environmental health inspections and overall programme coordination.

The staffing complement includes a Programme Manager, a Senior Medical Officer, two Medical Officers, two Senior Port Health Nurses, six Port Health Nurses, a Nurse Epidemiologist, a Senior Environmental Health Officer and nine Environmental Health Officers.

The personnel will be deployed according to the operational needs of the respective locations. V.C. Bird International Airport will receive dedicated medical and environmental health coverage, while St. John's Port will benefit from strengthened nursing and environmental health services. Falmouth and Jolly Harbours will have dedicated environmental health personnel, and Burton-Nibbs International Airport will be supported by a Barbuda-based team.

The programme's staffing arrangements are intended to ensure that the country's major gateways have the personnel and technical support necessary to carry out their respective public health responsibilities effectively.

The restructuring is aligned with the International Health Regulations (2005), as amended, and applicable guidance from the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

Through the integrated programme, Antigua and Barbuda will strengthen its capacity to maintain the public health requirements expected at designated points of entry, improve the monitoring of potential health threats and coordinate timely responses when risks emerge.

The initiative also recognises that weaknesses in border health systems

can have consequences extending beyond the health sector. Public health threats may affect national security, business continuity, visitor confidence, the tourism product and the country's ability to respond effectively to regional and international health alerts.

Cabinet's approval therefore represents an important step towards a more coordinated, accountable and responsive border health system, one

that protects the population while facilitating safe international travel and trade.

The Government remains committed to strengthening the institutional capacity of the health sector and ensuring that Antigua and Barbuda is better prepared to manage emerging public health challenges in an increasingly interconnected world.



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Ministry of Health Responds to Questions Regarding Government's Support for Child's Medical Care



The Ministry of Health has taken note of a letter to the editor questioning the Government's involvement in the medical care of a child whose circumstances have prompted public fundraising appeals for overseas treatment as well as public speculation about the support or apparent lack of support for the child.

In light of the questions raised about the Government's role and the assistance provided, the Ministry considers it necessary to clarify the extent of its involvement and the significant resources committed thus far to the child's care.

The Ministry confirms that in excess of US\$76,000 in direct medical costs have been provided to date through the Medical Benefits Scheme in support of the child's medical care.

As part of the efforts to provide specialized care, the child was flown to Martinique, where he received specialised medical care over a period of 38 days, with the expenses covered by the Government. In addition, a specialized Neurological Surgeon from Trinidad and Tobago was brought to Antigua on two occasions to assist with the child's medical care with an associated cost of USD\$20,000 per trip.

Despite these interventions and the

efforts made to explore available treatment options, every medical advice received both locally and abroad indicated that no further intervention could be offered through the avenues explored. While this is an unfortunate and deeply difficult reality for the child and family, medical decisions must be guided by the professional judgement of qualified physicians and specialists, whose training and clinical experience inform their assessments of the appropriate course of care.

The Ministry recognises the distress that accompanies a child's serious medical condition and understands the public's desire to assist a family facing such circumstances. The Government remains committed to treating every patient with compassion

and dignity while ensuring that decisions concerning medical care are informed by appropriate clinical advice.

In addressing the questions raised, the Ministry wishes to make it clear that the Government has been actively involved in efforts to secure specialised care for this child from birth to present. Every decision, potential outcomes and likely pathways have been discussed in-depth with the family in order to ensure they are part of the process and fully understand the medical position their child is in.

The Government's commitment to the health and well-being of the nation's children remains unwavering. The Ministry encourages continued compassion and support for the child and family.



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Ministry of Education Announces 2026 Top Three CSEC Students

Having received the final report from the Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) addressing the queries submitted in relation to the 2026 Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examinations, the Ministry of Education, has announced the confirmed final rankings of Antigua and Barbuda's top three students:

1. Jhordyn Jacobs Jonas, Baptist Academy of Antigua, with 21 Grade I passes
2. Kayden Lewis, St. Joseph's Academy, with 20 Grade I passes and 4 Grade II passes
3. Aliane Challenger, Baptist Academy of Antigua, with 20 Grade I passes and 1 Grade II pass

The Ministry extends its congratulations to these outstanding students.

Their exceptional results reflect sustained commitment, discipline and academic distinction, and are a source of considerable national pride.

Sincere commendation is also extended to the parents and guardians whose encouragement and support have helped nurture these achievements. Recognition is due as well to the principals, teachers and wider school communities whose dedication has contributed to the students' success. Through quality instruction, sound academic guidance, rigorous preparation and effective school leadership, educators help students develop the knowledge, confidence and re-



Jhordyn Jacobs Jonas,

silience necessary to excel.

These results represent both individual achievement and the collective effort that supports academic excellence. Students throughout Antigua and Barbuda are encouraged to draw inspiration from these examples of perseverance and to pursue their own academic goals with determination and purpose.

The Ministry reaffirms its commitment to strengthening educational standards and ensuring that every student is afforded the opportunity to realize his or her fullest potential.

Congratulations are extended to Antigua and Barbuda's top three CSEC students of 2026, their families, teachers and schools. Their accomplishments are celebrated with immense pride, and they are wished continued



Kayden Lewis,



Aliane Challenger

success as they pursue further education and contribute to the development of Antigua and Barbuda.



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Cabinet Establishes 90-Day Review Committee to Examine Proposed Public Bus Fare Adjustments



The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda has agreed to establish a review committee to examine proposals submitted by the Antigua and Barbuda Bus Association and the Ministry responsible for Transport concerning the existing public transportation fare structure and proposed adjustments.

The committee will review the recommendations advanced by both parties, including the proposed changes to public bus fares, the financial sustainability of bus operations and measures to protect commuters from the impact of increased transportation costs.

The Ministry's proposal recognizes that bus operators have been experiencing significant increases in operating expenses, including fuel, vehicle maintenance, spare parts, insurance, labour and vehicle replacement costs. It also acknowledges that the existing fare structure has placed growing financial pressure on operators, while the Government continues to subsidize aspects of public transportation to help make the service accessible to the public.

Among the matters to be examined are proposals for a phased adjustment of standard public bus fares, the introduction of fares for designated public holidays, and changes to existing arrangements for subsidized transportation for primary schoolchildren wearing their official school uniforms.

The review will also consider the potential effects of fare adjustments on commuters, particularly students, senior citizens, workers and other persons who depend on public transportation for their daily activities. The implications for bus operators, Government expenditure and the long-term sustainability of the public transportation system will also form part of the assessment.

Cabinet's decision to establish the committee reflects the Government's intention to ensure that the proposals submitted by both the Bus Association and the Ministry receive careful consideration before any further decisions are made.

The committee will be required to complete its review and submit its findings and recommendations to Cabinet within 90 days.

The Government recognizes the importance of maintaining a reliable and financially sustainable public transportation system while balancing the legitimate concerns of operators with the cost-of-living pressures faced by passengers.

The review is expected to provide a basis for informed decision-making on the future of public bus fares and related transportation arrangements, with due consideration given to affordability, operational viability and the public interest.

Cabinet will consider the committee's report and recommendations upon their submission.

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Antigua and Barbuda to Showcase to MICE Capabilities and Tourism Offerings



Minister of Tourism, Charles Fernandez

Antigua and Barbuda continues to showcase its capacity to host major international gatherings as the country now welcomes leaders and delegates from across the Commonwealth of Nations, for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM), taking place from November 1 - 4, 2026, reinforcing its tourism position as a leading Caribbean destination for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE).

CHOGM meetings, forums and associated events will take place across venues including the American University of Antigua, The Sticky Wicket, the Sir John E. St. Luce Finance &

Conference Centre and The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus, demonstrating the range of facilities supporting the international gathering.

The hosting builds on Antigua and Barbuda's recognition as Caribbean's Leading Meetings & Conference Destination 2025 at the World Travel Awards.

In a [video welcome message](#), Minister of Tourism, Charles Fernandez highlights the significance of that recognition.

"It is a distinction that reflects our commitment to excellence, our grow-

ing capacity to host major international events, and our determination to ensure that every visitor enjoys an experience that is both productive and memorable," said the tourism minister.

For the Antigua and Barbuda Ministry of Tourism, and the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, CHOGM provides an opportunity to showcase the destination's conference facilities and hospitality sector to a global audience, with heritage sites, cultural attractions and island experiences complementing its meetings and incentive offering.

Minister Fernandez also encourages delegates to experience the country's heritage, natural beauty and culture outside their official engagements.

"Take a journey through history at Nelson's Dockyard, our UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore our breathtaking landscapes, discover the spectacular beauty of Barbuda, savour our authentic Caribbean cuisine, and immerse yourself in the music, art and traditions that give our nation its distinctive character", he said.

His message also highlights November's celebrations marking 45 years of Independence and the upcoming [Antigua and Barbuda Art Week](#).

Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/f2hIEo5bDaY> For information on Antigua and Barbuda go to: www.visitantiguabarbuda.com



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Antiguans and Barbudans reflect on inspirational messages at Independence Service in Harlem



Antiguans and Barbudans gathered in prayer and quiet reflection during an inspiring Independence Service last Sunday at the Salem United Methodist Church in Harlem, New York.

Uplifting and thought-provoking messages were heard from the pulpit and from Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister the Rt. Hon. Gaston Browne along with inspiring and patriotic musical selections which resonated amongst the congregation of diaspora members.

It was the first major activity of the annual celebration of Antigua and Barbuda's Independence from the New York Offices. The country is celebrat-

ing 45 years of nationhood under the theme 'Renaissance: Rooted in Pride, Bounded by Prosperity for All.'

In a message read by Antigua and Barbuda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Dr. Walton Webson, Prime Minister Gaston Browne reflected on Antigua and Barbuda's remarkable economic growth and national development since the achievement of Independence on 1st November, 1981. It was an opportunity to highlight the government's investments in infrastructure, housing, education and the creative industries.

Browne also pointed to expanded opportunities for citizens and the coun-

try's growing international standing as evidence of the country's progress over the past 45 years of nationhood.

"As we look towards the next chapter of our independence journey, my government remains committed to building an Antigua and Barbuda characterized by economic resilience, social inclusion, educational excellence, environmental sustainability and opportunity for all," stated Prime Minister Browne in his message.

"On this 45th Anniversary of Independence, I invite every Antiguan and Barbudan, wherever you reside, to renew your commitment to our national development. Let us remain united by

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our heritage, inspired by our achievements and determined to leave an even stronger nation for those who will follow us.”

A powerful message of faith that lifted spirits and inspired a deeper sense of national pride was delivered by Rev F. Craig Henry of the Little Rock Baptist Church and the Shiloh Baptist Church. Speaking to the Independence theme and the current challenges being faced by the nation, Rev. Henry shared that it is well within all of us as Antiguan and Barbudans to overcome and to

achieve. “Who but us can take what they give us and make paradise where people see problems?” he asked the congregation.

“A Renaissance is a rebirth, it’s a renewal, it’s a revival, it’s a restoration. It is taking what you have, thank God that you have it and saying to God now that it is in my hands, give me the spirit to do what I can with what I have, not hold it for yourself...our Renaissance is rooted in pride,” he admonished.

Also taking part in the service were members of a clergy made up of Antiguan and Barbudan pastors and the Antigua and Barbuda International Chorale and the City South Steel Orchestra who led the congregation in the singing of nation building and patriotic songs.

Next on the agenda for the Antigua and Barbuda Consulate General is the annual Independence Gala, which will take place on Saturday November 21st at the Glen Island Harbour Club at 8pm.

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Jonas Quilang accepts a \$200 grocery voucher on behalf of his wife, Sheila May Quilang, the latest winner in Flow's Celebrate Independence 45 campaign. Congratulations to Sheila on her win!

Antigua and Barbuda Youth Olympic Team — Dakar: Departure & Team Preview

Team Antigua and Barbuda will depart the island on Wednesday, 28 October, for Dakar, Senegal, to compete at the 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games — the first YOG to be held on the African continent. The island's top athletes aged 15–18 will take to the world stage from 31 October to 13 November.

Leading the delegation, world U20 finalist Tyra Fenton will serve as flag bearer and is one to watch in the women's 200m on 10 November. Zonique Charles, a CARIFTA bronze medalist, will contest the women's javelin (500g) on 9 November. Table tennis rising star Stuti Kashyap will compete in the women's singles, which begins on 1 November. Two swimmers — Keziah Joseph (women's events) and Espriit Joseph (men's events) — will make their Youth Olympic debuts in the pool; swimming events run from 1–6 November. These athletes represent the best in the OECS and will be aiming to make their mark internationally.

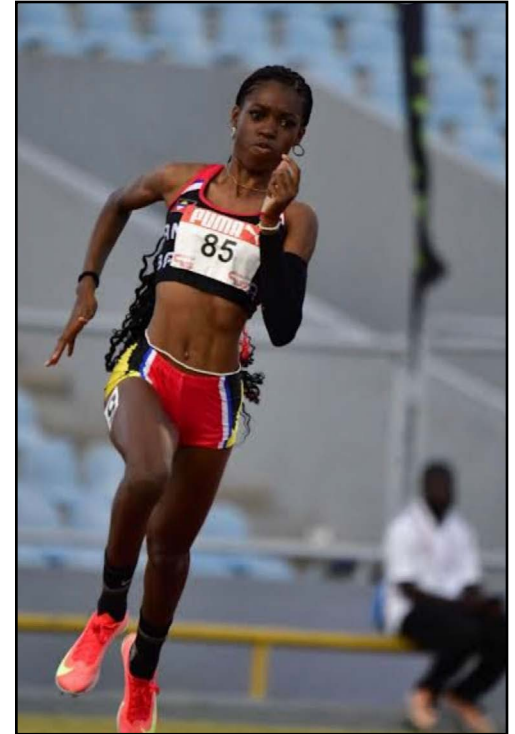
The team will be led by Chef de Mission Karen Joseph, with Eric Henry serving as Athlete Welfare Officer. Athletics management is provided by Sonia Williams and Aswald Baptiste; swimming by National Coach Nelson Molino Fojo; and table tennis by



Aleena Edwards (Trinidad and Tobago). Medical support will be provided by Dr. Hon. Philmore Benjamin. NOC President Hon. E. P. Chet Greene and Secretary General Cliff Williams will also attend.

PEAK Athletics will sponsor the Antigua and Barbuda team apparel.

“As Secretary General of the Antigua and Barbuda Olympic Association, I congratulate our young athletes headed to Dakar. We are incredibly proud



of their hard work and dedication. They carry our hopes to the world stage and will represent Antigua and Barbuda with excellence, courage and sportsmanship — the entire nation is behind them.”

The Youth Olympic Games bring together the world's best young athletes (aged 15–18) for high-level competition combined with cultural and educational experiences. We wish the Antigua and Barbuda team every success.

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QUEEN ANNE, THE SOUTH SEA COMPANY AND THE PROFITS OF ENSLAVEMENT



The asiento, royal investors and the unequal terms of emancipation

By Dr Ahmed N. Reid | © Ahmed N. Reid | Quote responsibly

The end of the Royal African Company's monopoly did not end the connection between monarchy and the trafficking of enslaved Africans. In the early eighteenth century, the South Sea Company became another major vehicle through which commercial ambition, state power and royal prestige converged.

The company was established in 1711 against a background of public debt, imperial rivalry and hopes of gaining access to Spanish American markets. The Treaty of Utrecht in 1713 gave Britain the *asiento*, a contract to supply enslaved Africans to Spain's American colonies. The agreement formed part of a wider geopolitical settlement but rested on the continuing commodification of African lives.

Queen Anne's reign was central to this arrangement. The contract was assigned to the South Sea Company, and royal figures were connected with its finances and governance. George I, who succeeded Anne in 1714, and the future George II also became associated with the company. Royal involve-

ment gave an aura of security and prestige to a speculative enterprise.

Between 1714 and 1741 the company transported tens of thousands of captive Africans across the Atlantic. The figures in Dr Ahmed N. Reid's article, drawn from *Slave Voyages*, estimate approximately 41,900 embarked and 34,900 disembarked, implying that around 7,000 died during the passage. The numbers should be read as historical estimates, but the underlying suffering was neither abstract nor incidental.

The South Sea Company also became notorious for the speculative bubble of 1720. Shares rose spectacularly before collapsing, inflicting heavy losses on investors. The financial crisis is often remembered as a cautionary tale about speculation. Less frequently emphasised is the place of the trade in enslaved Africans in the company's commercial ambitions and public identity.

Royal participation in slavery-related wealth was not confined to shares in chartered companies. Plantation ownership, credit, mortgages, shipping and compensation all provided channels through which wealth accumulated and passed between generations. This becomes particularly clear when we examine what happened at emancipation.

The Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 brought legal emancipation in most British colonies into effect in 1834. Yet the British state set aside £20 million to compensate enslavers for the loss of what the law had treated as their property. The formerly enslaved received no comparable compensation. Many were subjected to an apprenticeship system requiring further unpaid or inadequately paid labour before full freedom.

The compensation programme reveals a fundamental injustice. The

state recognised the financial claims of owners, including absentee owners resident in Britain, while leaving those who had endured enslavement without payment for generations of forced labour, violence and dispossession. It also helped preserve and redistribute wealth within British society.

Nicholas Draper's research and the University College London Legacies of British Slave-Ownership project document how compensation money flowed to people and institutions across the country. Enslavement-linked wealth was connected to banking, property, politics, cultural patronage and other sectors. These findings give substance to the long-standing arguments of Eric Williams and later Caribbean scholars about the economic consequences of slavery.

The record includes prominent families such as the Trevelyan, whose ancestral connections to Caribbean enslavement have become the subject of public acknowledgement and discussion. The larger significance is structural: slavery-related assets and compensation did not simply disappear when legal slavery ended. They could be reinvested, inherited and converted into lasting social influence.

The question, therefore, is not only whether individual monarchs owned shares in trading companies. It is also whether wealth generated through enslavement entered family fortunes and institutions that later became connected to the monarchy. The Smith and Lascelles histories provide two revealing examples.

NEXT WEEK: The Smiths, the Lascelles and their connections to the royal family.

*Selected sources: Colin A. Palmer, *Human Cargoes* (1981); Nicholas Draper, *The Price of Emancipation* (2010); Catherine Hall et al., *Legacies of British Slave-Ownership* (2014); UCL Legacies of British Slave-Ownership database.*

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National Youth Rally, Special Drills and Cheerleading Competition

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8:30 AM

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National Food Fair

Sir Vivian Richards Stadium

10:00 AM

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6:00 PM

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National Heroes Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

Heroes Park – Sir Sydney Walling Highway

10:00 AM

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Voices in Harmony - Festival of Choirs

St. Anthony's Secondary School

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Schools' Independence Programs

Schools Across the State

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Barbuda Day Activities

Evening of Theatre

St. Anthony's Secondary School

7:00 PM

FRIDAY

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Independence Calypso Competition

Green Lounge – Cedar Valley

8:00 PM

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Pops YG back in custody amid investigation into alleged sexual activity with minor



Pops YG, the entertainer and popular social media personality, is again in police custody.

Pops YG, whose real name is Ansel Fairclough, was arrested late Monday by the police in Trelawny, his attorney Donovan Collins confirmed.

Collins declined to discuss the reason for Pops YG's latest arrest.

The social media personality is to face an identification parade, Collins confirmed.

However, according to law enforcement sources, Pops YG was arrested by detectives from the Centre for the Investigation of Sexual Offences and Child Abuse (CISOCA).

CISOCA is conducting an investigation into allegations that Pops YG engaged in sexual activities with a minor, sources told The Gleaner.

He was arrested when he reported to the Falmouth Police station as part of his pre-charge bail conditions, sources revealed.

The social media personality was arrested at his Trelawny home last month, along with three other men, while they were live-streaming on TikTok.

He was arrested on reasonable suspicion of breaches of the Law Reform (Fraudulent Transactions) (Special Provisions) Act, commonly called the

lottery scam law, Collins said at the time.

He was released on pre-charge bail. (Jamaica Gleaner)

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Mohamed accused of bribing cop for surveillance footage



A 20-year-old police constable stationed at the Guyana Police Force's Command Centre has been arrested after allegedly accepting an \$800,000 bribe from Opposition Leader Azrudin Mohamed in exchange for surveillance footage linked to a shooting incident outside the residence of Senior Superintendent Prem Narine.

According to police press statement, the constable was arrested on Monday, 26th October, 2026, by investigators from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Headquarters, acting on intelligence received.

The statement said, when informed of the allegations, the rank admitted that while on duty on Friday, 23rd October, he had discreetly downloaded surveillance footage relating to the shooting incident and saved it to a flash drive, allegedly on Mohamed's instructions.

The constable further told investigators that on Saturday, 24th October, Mohamed dispatched an employee to transport him to his residence at Hous-

ton, East Bank Demerara.

While there, Mohamed allegedly offered the rank \$800,000 in exchange for the recording. The police statement said Mohamed subsequently paid the constable the sum in cash and collected the flash drive.

The constable reportedly disclosed that he spent part of the money during a shopping spree and handed the remainder to his mother.

The rank has since been placed under arrest. Detectives are making efforts to recover the money, while investigations into several alleged offences remain ongoing.

Meanwhile, contacted for a comment on the matter, Mohamed said: "I will protect my sources at all cost, I already mentioned I received this from a contact within Special Branch. I am happy the police are confirming this video is real and not an AI video like Minister Kwame McCoy stated. Why are they going after the constable and not the shooter? Why isn't Prem Narine on close arrest?" (Kaieteur News)

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Eyes on reparations as King visits Caribbean

The CARICOM Reparations Commission has labelled November's Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in St John's, Antigua and Barbuda, as the "reparations CHOGM", insisting that the issue must take top priority.

"The region is mobilised, the governments are mobilised, so there is no way to describe this CHOGM meeting other than the reparations CHOGM. That is what it is," Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, chair of the commission, said at a press conference last week.

"We are going to make sure that that is what it is," he stressed.

Beckles noted that CHOGM – the highest-level decision-making and consultative forum of the Commonwealth nations, the majority of which are former British colonies – is occurring on the heels of major developments in the global reparations movement.

These include the United Nations General Assembly's March resolution formally declaring the transatlantic trafficking and racialised chattel enslavement of Africans as the "gravest crime against humanity"; the revised CARICOM 10-point plan for reparatory justice, approved by heads of Government in July; and the third CARICOM regional conference on reparations in September.

CHOGM will take place on November 1-4. King Charles, the head of the Commonwealth, will address the opening ceremony on November 3. He will be accompanied in Antigua and Barbuda by Queen Camilla.

Buckingham Palace has said the King's would not "shy away from the 'darkest days of our past', as His Majesty has described them". He used the phrase in a speech in Barbados as the island became a republic in 2021, removing his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, as head of state.

Last Thursday, Commonwealth Secretary General Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey told Sky News that a formal apol-



ogy for slavery from King Charles "wouldn't hurt" and that the "time has come" for a serious conversation regarding reparations.

Calling for a "dialogue of decency" around the reparations cause, Beckles said conversations should recognise reparatory justice as enlightenment that advances the well-being of the human species.

"There's gonna be tremendous civility, yes ... there's gonna be tremendous flexibility," he said of the intended dialogue.

"There will be no attempt to embarrass [His Majesty] or any member of the Commonwealth, but in the back of everyone's mind there's going to be the dialogue of reparations," he said, adding that CARICOM has presented a framework for these conversations.

However, Dorbrene O'Marde, chairman of the Antigua and Barbuda Reparations Support Commission, stated that there are no specific reparation activities taking place within CHOGM. But, he said, there are a number of side events and forums in the CHOGM programme, where he is "hoping" that discussions on reparation will take place.

The 2026 CHOGM will be held un-

der the theme 'Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth'. Leaders will meet with investors, philanthropists, and development partners to finance proposals relating to climate, trade and youth employment.

Alongside the high-level meetings, four forums will be held – a youth forum, women's forum, people's forum and business forum. Additionally, there will be four side events, covering eye health, sport for development and peace, blue finance and innovation, and governance and democracy.

However, O'Marde stressed that CHOGM should not ignore the role it has to play in keeping in focus the demands for reparatory justice.

"We see CHOGM also as the potential vehicle able to translate into moral and political action, the various statements of its chairperson, King Charles III, who has acknowledged the Commonwealth's historical connection to slavery and colonialism and who has expressed personal sorrow over the suffering caused by enslavers," he said.

During the 2024 CHOGM in Samoa, King Charles, while stepping up calls to address the issue of reparation di-

rectly and apologise for the slave trade, told leaders that the “most painful aspects of our past continue to resonate”.

“It is vital, therefore, that we understand our history to guide us to make the right choices in the future,” he said. “Where inequalities exist ... we must find the right ways and the right language to address them.”

“We, in Antigua and Barbuda, expect no less at CHOGM 2026,” O’Marde stated. He said correspondence has already been sent to the King, insisting that he address the slave trade.

He pointed to the formal apologies issued by the Church of England and

Church of Scotland for their historical role in the transatlantic slave trade, and argued that the British government and Monarch should follow suit as a starting point.

“No apologies from both government and monarch reeks of gross insensitivity to the demands of citizens of the Caribbean,” he said.

Meanwhile, Beckles appealed to Charles’ humanity in supporting the reparations movement.

“I am appealing to the man, I am appealing to Charles Windsor – a parent, a grandparent. A man today who reflects upon the history of his fami-

ly and he can see the enrichment that slavery has presented to his family; he can see that the wealth he is passing on to his children and grandchildren all came out in significant sums to this process of the chattelisation of the African people,” he said.

“We are calling upon the King as a man, as a human brother, to provide leadership to this organisation over which he presides.”

The King’s Caribbean visit, from October 27 to November 4, will also see him visiting Guyana and The Bahamas. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Guyana says some ships operating ‘dark fleet’ under Caribbean flags

Guyana has called on Caribbean countries to work together to end “dark fleet” operations, warning that vessels fraudulently flying national flags are being used to move guns, sanctioned oil and smuggled people.

Addressing the 56th annual general meeting, conference and exhibition of the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA), Public Utilities and Aviation Minister, Deodat Indar, said that he had seen the problem firsthand along with the Director General of the Maritime Administration Department (MARAD), Stephen Thomas.

He told the more than 450 maritime stakeholders, policymakers, senior executives, and industry experts that Guyana has been one of its victims.

“It is a curse on the shipping industry. It is a black stain on maritime authorities,” he said, adding that criminal operators issue fake registrations so vessels can sail under the flags of countries where they aren’t



registered.

Indar said that the damage extends beyond the countries whose flags are misused to shipping lines, insurance firms and flag-state operations.

“When your ship flag is used for nefarious activities, moving things, guns, sanctioned oil, sanctioned products, people smuggling, those are not things that any nation would like to have

(associated with) their name or their flag,” he said.

In a bid to show how far the fraud has gone, Indar described an operator who registered vessels to a fake flag state based on a tiny, uninhabited island in the South Pacific.

He told the conference that no single country can solve the problem on its own.

“If we don’t work together, (we) simply can’t stamp it

out,” Indar said.

Guyana operates a closed ship registry, which limits registration under its flag to vessels owned by Guyanese nationals, residents, Caribbean Community (Caricom) citizens, and companies established under the laws of Guyana.

MARAD has said cases of vessels falsely claiming Guyanese registration have been identified since 2021, and that Guyana shares information on fraudulent registrations with UN maritime states and international bodies.

In April 2026, US forces seized the Majestic X in the Indian Ocean for carrying Iranian oil while it was fraudulently flying Guyana’s flag; it had been sanctioned in 2024 under the name Phonix.

The conference is being held under the theme, “Building a More Connected, Resilient and Competitive Caribbean.” (CMC)

Poor jail conditions caused dozens of Nigerian miners to suffocate probe

Poor jail conditions were responsible for the deaths of more than 30 miners in central Nigeria last month, following their arrest on suspicion of illegal gold mining by a paramilitary government agency, investigators said Tuesday.

The young men were found dead after they were thrown inside a crowded cell in Minna, the capital of central Niger state, in September after their arrest by the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

Survivors recounted being crammed in the cell with poor ventilation and some said a substance that stung their throats and noses was sprayed into the cell before the door was slammed shut.

Screams for help and banging the door yielded no response from guards on duty, according to survivors.

Medical and forensic evidence showed the deaths resulted from “environmental asphyxia, acute respiratory failure caused by prolonged confinement in a severely overcrowded and poorly ventilated detention cell aggravated by heat stress and dehydration”, the head of the investigating team, Jonathan Kure, said while presenting the report to the government.

Niger state authorities initially put the death toll at 37, but the investigating committee said it had established 33 deaths.



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“The committee confirmed 33 as the verified casualty figure because higher numbers reported immediately after the incident could not be reconciled

with available records and identified victims,” said Kure, adding that 14 of the dead were minors. (AFP)

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Nanotyrannus skeleton goes to auction in New York with £4.5m price tag



The mounted skeleton of a newly-identified dinosaur once mistaken for a young *Tyrannosaurus rex* is up for auction - with a price-tag of at least \$6m (£4.5m).

Nicknamed “Jodi”, the roughly 10-foot-tall (3m) skeleton will be auctioned by Sotheby’s in New York. The sale comes a year after researchers confirmed that the skeleton belongs to a distinct genus.

The Late Cretaceous carnivore is expected to fetch up to \$9m when it goes under the hammer on Tuesday. The auction comes after Sotheby’s sold a *Tyrannosaurus rex*, dubbed “Gus”, for a record \$50.1m (£37.4m) in July.

The sales comes as some in the scientific community debate whether dinosaur remains should be sold privately.

Sotheby’s described “Jodi” as an “excellent exhibition-ready” skeleton with about 191 fossil-bone elements and a “beautifully preserved, virtually complete skull”.

The auction house added that the *Nanotyrannus* is “one of only three such skeletons known to science.” The specimen is the first to come to market since the existence of the genus was confirmed by US researchers last October, Sotheby’s said.

Megan Jenkins, a palaeontologist at the University of Portsmouth, told BBC Radio 4’s Today programme on Tuesday

that *Nanotyrannus* “was for a very long time believed to be sort of a teenager of *T. rex*”.

“But it’s a lot smaller and it’s a lot more gracile. So it’s very sort-of sleek, slender, [with] blade-like teeth for slicing through meat,” Jenkins said.

Tyrannosaurus rex and *Nanotyrannus* lived alongside one another during the same geological period approximately 67 million years ago.

“Jodi” was initially exhibited as a juvenile *T. rex* at London’s Frieze Masters international art fair in October 2023, before the *Nanotyrannus* genus was classified.

The skeleton was discovered in the US state of Montana by rancher Jodi Pierson on her land in the Hall Creek Formation, a heavily studied geological site. It was later excavated by commercial palaeontologist Clayton Phipps.

Phipps also discovered the famous “Dueling Dinosaurs” fossil. That specimen, which shows the remains of a *Nanotyrannus* and *Triceratops* apparently in combat, was found eight miles (13km) away from “Jodi” in 2006.

The “Dueling Dinosaurs” discovery became crucial to the research published by Lindsay Zanno and James Napoli that classified *Nanotyrannus* as separate from *T. rex*. Their paper ended decades of debate over whether the dinosaurs

were distinct from one another.

The auction of “Jodi” comes as some scientists warn that auctions could herald a new era in fossil collecting by the ultra-rich.

Researchers told the BBC after the sale of “Gus” that such remains should be exhibited in public spaces where they can be more freely studied.

Prof Steve Brusatte, a palaeontologist at the University of Edinburgh and consultant on the Jurassic Park films, told BBC World Service’s What in the World programme in July that the *T. rex*’s auction was “concerning”.

“I don’t know of any museum or university that can afford a price tag like that,” he said. “Imagine if the Mona Lisa was just owned by a super-wealthy person and it wasn’t on display and people couldn’t see it, couldn’t enjoy it.”

He said that the time that he hoped such a sale didn’t become a trend, adding it could adversely affect scientific research and public education.

Responding to today’s auction, Brusatte called it “harrowing” that “Jodi” could disappear from public view.

“We’ve really just found out that *Nanotyrannus* is real, and now one of the best skeletons is about to be sold to the highest bidder, and it’s harrowing to think it could disappear into the vaults of a collector rather than displayed on a museum where it can wow and inspire kids and families and the public at large,” he told the BBC.

But Jenkins told the Today programme on Tuesday there were two sides to the debate, and that a lot of time, effort and money went into excavating the specimens.

“I don’t begrudge the people involved for wanting to sell it for such a large amount of money,” she said. “Although it’s a scary prospect, actually a lot of them have ended up in the public eye... these things without a doubt will end up in a museum at some point.” (BBC)

Netanyahu's legacy on the line as Israelis vote



When Hamas-led militants attacked Israel on October 7, 2023, it looked like Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's days in office were numbered.

With the country overwhelmed by grief and anger after the deadliest security breakdown in its history, his resignation seemed like a matter of time.

But the divisive veteran Israeli leader has scratched, scraped, and literally battled his way back during a stormy three-year period of nonstop domestic crises and wars across the region. Confounding his critics, he now finds himself in a tight race for re-election today.

Netanyahu has been the country's most dominant politician for nearly two decades, and his legacy is on the line. A poor showing could end the 77-year-old's lengthy career on a bitter note and open the door to a new era in Israeli politics. A victory would cement his image as the ultimate political survivor.

Former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, a one-time ally turned rival of Netanyahu, said there has never been so much at stake – from national security to the future of Israel's democratic institutions and its standing in the world. After a series of wars that have destabilised the region and jolted the global economy, the world is watching closely.

Politicians often say that the current election is the most fateful in their country's history, Olmert said, but "this time it really is".

Netanyahu's opponents, led by former military chief Gadi Eisenkot, see today as a day of reckoning. They say Netanyahu should be held accountable for October 7 and the failure to turn battlefield victories into diplomatic achievements.

"What he is offering is an eternal war," Eisenkot, whose son and two nephews were killed in combat, said in a radio interview. "Choosing a leader whose only goal is not to surrender means choosing a leader who

will not deliver victories."

Netanyahu's supporters say he was betrayed by Israel's defence establishment and that he has led the country through a remarkable turnaround with devastating strikes against Hamas, Lebanon's Hezbollah, and Iran.

The Israeli leader has also turned to his traditional use of scare tactics. His campaign slogan, "Right or Palestine," which rhymes in Hebrew, suggests that his opponents would establish a Palestinian state alongside Israel, something his main rivals vehemently reject.

A two-state solution, still seen internationally as the only realistic way to solve the conflict, is politically toxic in Israel – another legacy of Netanyahu's long rule.

Nearly every poster, stump speech, or televised debate seems to reference the October 7 attack, which has scarred the country and remains fresh in the minds of voters.

Some 1,200 people were killed that day and 251 others taken hostage, the last of whom were returned in a ceasefire deal last year.

Israel responded with a military offensive that has killed over 74,000 Palestinians in Gaza, according to local health authorities, left the territory in ruins and triggered open-ended wars in Lebanon and Iran. Netanyahu faces an international arrest warrant, experts have accused Israel of genocide, and Israel's image has further deteriorated with a spike in settler violence in the occupied West Bank.

Most Israelis across the political spectrum reject the war crimes and genocide allegations. But Netanyahu's opponents, including many former hostages, refer to his outgoing coalition as the "failure government" and have pledged to launch an official investigation into how October 7 was allowed to happen.

Netanyahu has refused such an inquiry and calls his ongoing — and inconclusive — military campaigns a "war of redemption".

Boosted by an endorsement from President Donald Trump, Netanyahu has also tried to turn attention to Iran, threatening to resume the war, and vowing to destroy its nuclear programme and topple its government.

"Donald, we have a job to finish. You said it, and we'll finish it together," he said in a conversation with Trump released by his campaign.

Netanyahu's rule has left Israelis bitterly divided over other issues, especially a longstanding system granting ultra-Orthodox men exemptions from military service.

In a country where enlistment is mandatory for most Jewish men and women, these exemptions have always angered the broader public. But resentment has grown as hundreds of young soldiers have been killed in battle and tens of thousands have been pulled away from families and careers for reserve duty.

Netanyahu, who has close ties with politically powerful ultra-Orthodox parties, has resisted attempts to end the exemptions.

He has also outraged many Israelis with his attempts to overhaul the legal system.

Before the war, Netanyahu, who is on trial for corruption charges, launched a controversial plan to weaken the courts. That prompted mass anti-government demonstrations by crowds who accused him of undermining the country's system of

checks and balances to escape prosecution.

Each side has accused the other of weakening Israel on the eve of the October 7 attacks. The plan has been mostly frozen since then, but Netanyahu's allies want to revive it.

Israelis vote for political parties, not individual candidates. Since no political party has ever captured a 61-seat majority on its own, political leaders must form coalitions.

Netanyahu has been a master at

forming coalitions with religious and nationalist partners, but opinion polls suggest a tight race between his bloc and the one led by Eisenkot.

With non-aligned Arab parties campaigning hard, there is a strong possibility that neither of the main Jewish blocs will capture a majority. That could set the stage for weeks or even months of negotiations among around a dozen parties expected to win seats. (AP)



A vibrant poster for the Antigua Carnival 70th Anniversary. The top half features three dancers in elaborate, colorful costumes with large feathered headdresses. The bottom half contains the text: "ANTIGUA Carnival" in a stylized font, followed by "THE CARIBBEAN'S GREATEST SUMMER FESTIVAL". Below this is a large, stylized "70" with "Legendary" written in cursive to its left. At the bottom, a white banner displays "JULY 20TH - AUGUST 3RD 2027". Social media icons for Facebook and Instagram are at the very bottom, with the text "ANTIGUA CARNIVAL" and "@ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL".

Jay-Z picks himself to headline the Super Bowl halftime show at SoFi Stadium in Southern California

The man who has helped produce the Super Bowl halftime show is stepping into the spotlight: Jay-Z will headline the show himself.

The NFL, Apple Music and Roc Nation announced Monday night that Jay-Z will be the featured performer for the halftime festivities on Feb. 14 at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said he had one request when the league first reached an agreement with Roc Nation: that Jay-Z take the stage himself “whenever the moment felt right to him.”

“From ‘Reasonable Doubt’ to standing on the Super Bowl halftime stage, this has been a journey,” Jay-Z said in a statement. “Thirty years of music, work, and culture on the world’s biggest stage. This run continues to be a dream come true.”

After days of speculation, Jay-Z is set to return to the stadium where he closed his celebration of the 30th anniversary of “Reasonable Doubt,” the mogul’s 1996 debut album. The concerts included three sold-out shows at Yankee Stadium and sold-out performances in London and Paris ahead of a stop at SoFi Stadium over the weekend.

Jay-Z’s Roc Nation has partnered with the NFL since 2019 to advise on and help produce the league’s entertainment presentations, including the Super Bowl halftime show. At the time, Jay-Z said he had told Goodell, “If this is about me performing at the Super Bowl, then we can just end this conversation now.”



Seven years later, Jay-Z is ready to perform after all.

Jay-Z, born Shawn Carter, has won 25 Grammy Awards and received 89 nominations, the second-most in history behind his wife, Beyoncé — who has performed at two Super Bowls. His catalog also includes the albums “The Blueprint” and “The Black Album,” and hit songs such as “Hard Knock Life (Ghetto Anthem),” “99 Problems” and “Empire State of Mind,” his collaboration with Alicia Keys.

Last year, “Reasonable Doubt” was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

His recent concerts brought out a rotating cast of guests. At SoFi Stadium, his daughter Blue Ivy played piano on “The Story of O.J.” and “Dead Presidents,” while Scarface, John Legend and DJ Khaled joined him on opening night. Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg and Too \$hort appeared during Saturday’s finale.

Earlier in the run, Beyoncé, Rihanna, Eminem and Nas were among the guests at Yankee Stadium.

Jay-Z has built a career as an executive and entrepreneur. The Brooklyn rapper co-founded Roc-A-Fella Records and founded Roc Nation in 2008, building it into an entertainment company that works with artists and athletes.

Jay-Z became the first rapper inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2017 and joined the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2021. He is also a four-time Emmy winner.

Roc Nation will executive produce the halftime show, with Hamish Hamilton directing.

The halftime show has collected Emmys in recent years. Bad Bunny’s performance in February won a record seven, including best variety special (live), while Kendrick Lamar’s show last year won for music direction. (AP)

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Sports News

Hanse on Security and VIP reach final of IBSC Tape Ball Classic

A new champion will be crowned in this year's LL Supply IBSC Tape Ball Classic after 2025 winners, Bryson's Bullets, were ousted in the semi-finals.

Bullets failed in their bid to make a successful defense of their title and bowed out of the competition during a 10-wicket loss to VIP in the semi-finals at the Powells' playing field.

Bullets were bundled out for just 32 in 4.5 overs. Kadeem Josiah snapped up five for 10, and Elroy Francis Jr. grabbed three for 22.

In reply, VIP quickly wrapped up victory by racing to their target of 33 runs without losing any wickets in 2.2 overs. Michael Marcelin hammered an unbeaten 22, and fellow opener Dhari Francis was not out on nine.

The VIP will face Hanse on Security in the final at the Powells' playing field on Sunday, November 8.

Hanse on Security booked their place in the final by surging to a 37-run victory over Grill Box in the other semi-final encounter.

Hanse on Security made 200 for six off their 20 overs after winning the toss and opting to bat. Joshua Thomas slammed 93, which included nine fours and six sixes. Kerry Mentore struck 51.

Zavear Otto and Steve Martin each picked up two for 30, and Vincent Shadrach Jr. claimed two for 47.

Chasing 201 to win, Grill Box was dismissed for 163 in 14 overs.



Hanse on Security all-rounder Kerry Mentore of Bryson's Bullets struck 51 and captured five for 29 against Grill Box to claim the Player of the Week Award in the semi-finals of the LL Supply IBSC Tape Ball Classic.

Junior Henry hit 84, which included 10 sixes and two fours.

Kerry Mentore snapped up five for 29, his son Kerique Mentore

claimed two for 39, and Samuel Peters captured two for 50.



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PMS maintain winning form in school girls under-15 league

Princess Margaret School (PMS) maintained their successful start in the inaugural Girls Under-15 Division of the Ministry of Sports Cool and Smooth JOMA Caribbean Schools Football League on Monday.

Princess Margaret School made it two wins in a row by securing a 3-1 victory over Clare Hall Secondary School in their second-round encounter at the Clare Hall playing field.

J'kayla Bellot had a double conversion with strikes in the 10th and 50th minutes, and the other goal for PMS was scored by Tajontay Ferris in the 49th minute.

Jonica Matthias scored in the 13th minute for Clare Hall Secondary School, who suffered their first defeat after snatching a 1-0 victory over St. Mary's Secondary School in their opening encounter.

The Antigua Girls High School re-

bounded from a 7-2 defeat against PMS in their opening match to record their first win with a 2-0 victory over Sir Novelle Richards Academy (SNRA) at the Clare Hall playing field.

Kadeecia Willock produced a seven-minute conversion, and Jaida Bryan scored an own goal in the 31st minute as SNRA crashed to their second defeat in as many matches.

After making a winning start with a 6-0 drubbing of SNRA, Ottos Comprehensive School was held to a goalless draw by St. Mary's Secondary School in their second-round match at the Golden Grove playing field.

After snatching a 1-0 victory against Jennings Secondary School in their opening match, Ottos Comprehensive School (OCS) maintained their winning start to their campaign in the Under-20 Boys Division on Monday.

Ottos Comprehensive School notched

up their second win with a 4-0 victory against Pares Secondary School, which was playing their first match, at the Golden Grove playing field.

The goals for OCS were scored by Wakiba Charles in the 14th minute, Kaleel Lawrence in the 18th minute, Tafari Looby in the 42nd minute, and Andrew Paddy in the 68th minute.

Defending champions Harrison Center maintained their unbeaten start in defense of their title but were held to a 1-1 draw by Jennings Secondary in their second-round match at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

Romario Christian scored in the 15th minute for the Harrison Center, who snatched a 1-0 win over Antigua Grammar School in their opening encounter.

Denny Livingston equalized for Jennings Secondary with a 25th-minute conversion.



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Carrick stays on as Man United manager after crisis talks



Michael Carrick

MANCHESTER, England (Reuters) - Michael Carrick remained in charge of Manchester United on Tuesday and led training at Carrington, giving the under-pressure manager and his players another opportunity to revive a season that has drifted alarmingly off course.

Carrick's future had appeared in serious doubt after Sunday's 3-0 home defeat by Bournemouth extended United's winless run to eight matches in all competitions and left them hovering one point above the Premier League relegation zone in 16th place.

Senior club officials held talks on Monday amid mounting speculation over Carrick's position, with potential replacements already being linked to the job by British media reports.

However, no decision was announced and the former United midfielder reported for work as normal, overseeing preparations for Saturday's league trip

to Chelsea.

A club source said Carrick and his players will have the opportunity to turn the situation around, with the club focused on preparing for Saturday and showing a response on the pitch.

Amid Sunday's frustration at Old Trafford, supporters levelled their anger at the players rather than the manager.

As Carrick made his way towards the tunnel after the final whistle, thousands of fans sang his name and applauded him. The mood shifted seconds later when cheers turned to angry boos as the players made their way off the pitch.

The scene was a reflection of the goodwill the 45-year-old Carrick still enjoys among a fanbase that remembers both his decorated 12-year playing career at United and the measured manner in which he has carried him-

self.

He has repeatedly accepted responsibility for the team's struggles while shielding his players from scrutiny.

"I totally understand the situation," he said after Sunday's loss. "I'm not expecting anything in particular, to be honest. I'm carrying on as normal, and I love this place."

"I always do what I feel is going to be the best for the football club, whatever decision is made on anything really."

Carrick turned around United's season when he replaced Ruben Amorim in January, guiding them to third in the league, but they have not won in the top flight this season since they beat newly promoted Ipswich Town on August

30.

The pressure on Carrick was intensified last week by his decision to leave captain Bruno Fernandes on the bench four days after the Portugal midfielder publicly criticised United's tactics following a 4-1 Champions League loss at Como.

Fans have also aimed their anger at the club's hierarchy in part-owner Jim Ratcliffe, chief executive officer Omar Berrada and director of football Jason Wilcox.

United face a tough string of games in fifth-placed Chelsea, followed by AS Roma (Champions League), Aston Villa, and Liverpool.

Carrick is United's seventh permanent manager since Alex Ferguson retired in 2013. Eddie Howe and Julian Nagelsmann have featured prominently on the list of potential replacements.

Sri Lanka beat Pakistan to reach final, England eliminated



Sri Lanka's cricketers converge to celebrate a dismissal against Pakistan during their One-Day International Tri Series match in Lahore, Pakistan, on Tuesday, October 27, 2026. (Getty Images)

LAHORE (Reuters) - Sri Lanka reached the final of the one-day international Tri-series in Pakistan with a comfortable eight-wicket victory over the hosts in Lahore on Tuesday.

The result ensured England, who lost their first three matches, were knocked out of the tournament with a game to spare.

Pakistan were dismissed for 110, Sri Lanka's left-arm seamer Dilshan Madushanka starred with the ball, claiming a career-best five for 34 to

earn the player-of-the-match award.

"We had a plan and followed it. Because of that, as a team, we were able to bowl them out for a low score," Madushanka said.

England had shown signs of progress in the format this year, winning a series in Sri Lanka before home victories over India in July and Sri Lanka.

Their campaign in Pakistan, however, unravelled in dramatic fashion.

England failed to defend 429 against Sri Lanka despite captain Harry Brook scoring the fastest double century in ODI history and suffered another painful loss when Pakistan snatched a one-wicket victory after Shadab Khan and Haris Rauf shared a record 89-run last-wicket partnership.

It means England's final match of the series against Sri Lanka on Thursday will now be a dead rubber.

BOE and Richie's Shooterz to meet in business league playoff finals



The Board of Education basketball team

In a repeat of last year's finals, cup-holders Board of Education (BOE) and losing finalists Richie's Shooterz will clash for the Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League Playoff Championship.

Both teams secure their berths into the finals by winning Game 2 to wrap up their respective best-of-three semi-final series 2-0 at the JSC Sports Complex on Monday evening.

The top-seeded Board of Education continued their title defense by claiming a 79-61 victory over fourth seed APCMOL in the opening game of Monday's double-header.

Daniel Perez sank 24 points, his brother Danny Perez, Warren Bogle,

and Xavier Meade each converted 12 points, and Adonis Humphreys scored 11 points for the Board of Education.

Takeem Martin sank 19 points, Sheldon Abrams converted 12 points, and Judah Ferris scored 11 points for APCMOL.

The second-seeded Richie's Shooterz surged to a commanding 84-55 victory against sixth-seed Curtain Bluff Resort in the second game of Monday's double-header.

Richie's Shooterz were led by Cohen Souza, who shot a game-high 32 points. In support, Jaheem James sank 16 points, Steven Matthew converted 15 points, and Kwame Braithwaite scored 14 points for Richie's Shooterz.

Javonte Daley produced 13 points,

and Webster Baptista scored 10 points for Curtain Bluff Resort, which ended a successful campaign during their debut participation in the Business Basketball League.

The Board of Education, which won the round-robin league title for the second successive year, will resume their quest for back-to-back playoff title when they clash with Richie's Shooterz in Game 1 of the best-of-five finals at the JSC Sports Complex on Thursday evening.

Richie's Shooterz will be seeking to do much better than their second-place finish in this year's round-robin league by overcoming the Board of Education in the finals and capturing the playoff title.