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Local News

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CHOGM Task Force Chair, and Member of Parliament for the Constituency of St Paul, E. P. Chet Greene confirms that he has in fact advocated for an activity to be hosted in St Paul to ensure that his constituents can directly benefit from the economic activity that CHOGM will generate in Antigua and Barbuda. He recognizes the history of the communities in St Paul and says he made that request proudly.

The economic yield from the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) will benefit the constituency of St Paul, with MP Greene claiming proudly that within his capacity he had advocated for CHOGM activities to take place in his constituency, stating that the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting must stimulate economic activity within the communities of his constituency.

Speaking at a town hall meeting on



Member of Parliament for the Constituency of St Paul, E. P. Chet Greene

Tuesday night, Greene focused attention on the CHOGM activity taking place in the constituency that being the Closing Ceremony which will be hosted on the grounds of the Copper and

Lumber Store, that rests in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Nelsons Dockyard

This represents only a portion of the wealth of history that exists in the St. Paul's Constituency. With the wealth of historical equity in the area, Greene is sure that in a desire to explore the island, many delegates must explore St Paul, which will add to the potential yield the summit will bring to the communities.

St. Paul and in particular English and Falmouth Harbour are no stranger to visitor accommodation, having become one of the most densely populated areas in Antigua and Barbuda.

The commonwealth meeting is guaranteed to provide a significant boost to the country's economy, with communities, such as the English Harbour and Falmouth Harbour areas expected to be impacted more directly than some others.

Midweek Deals

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**-Burger
-Medium Drink
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-Biscuit
-Medium Drink
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Government to Provide a Platform During CHOGM for Local Businesses

The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting according to Minister E.P Chet Greene also provides a captive audience to market the country and its people. Particularly referencing the Business forum, Greene is holding steadfast to the theme of CHOGM 2026, “Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth.”

“When we host the rest of the Commonwealth here come November 1 to 4,” Greene said, “and we have the presence of the heads of Government from the 56 member states of the Commonwealth... we are looking towards just as the theme says, Accelerating Partnerships and opportunities.”

Minister Greene reiterated that the Commonwealth accounts for a third of the world’s population, and thus the expense taken to ensure the success for the event is an investment into Antigua and Barbuda.

For the local businesses registered to make a pitched during the business forum, that investment is likely to materialize with near guarantee according to the minister given the funds allocated within the Commonwealth for



small business development.

He noted that the pitches will be looked at by a committee put together by King Charles, stressing that “funding is literally assured.”

In addition, the Business Forum, the government will conduct a local investment forum to support local entrepreneurs even beyond the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting,

for those pitches people overlooked during the international summit, reinforcing the Government’s commitment to local investment and financial empowerment.

The CHOGM Business Forum is thus providing a unique opportunity to empower the country’s entrepreneurs, signaling yet another way the summit will impact the economy, in ways felt by ordinary Antiguan and Barbuda’s.



Promoters Reminded of Requirements for Promotional Competitions Under the Consumer Protection Act

As the upcoming Black Friday and Christmas shopping season approaches, the Prices and Consumer Affairs Division is issuing a timely reminder to all organizers of promotional competitions regarding the mandatory requirements for conducting promotional competitions under Section 133 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2025.

The holiday season traditionally brings a surge in promotional activities, including raffles, prize draws, and other promotions designed to reward consumers. Section 133 of the Act aims to safeguard consumers by ensuring that all promotional events are conducted with transparency, fairness, and strict compliance with the law. The legislation outlines the responsibilities of promoters, in-



cluding the requirement to clearly disclose the terms and conditions of competitions, the method of winner selection, and the prizes to be awarded.

All persons or suppliers intending to hold a promotional competition

must submit their full rules, terms and conditions, and promotional materials to the Prices and Consumer Affairs Division prior to launching the activity. Promoters must ensure that all details regarding entry, drawing, and prize distribution are clearly communicated and strictly adhered to without deceptive practices.

Persons are encouraged to ensure full compliance before holding any promotional campaigns. Non-compliance with statutory provisions can lead to regulatory interventions or penalties.

Further information or guidance can be obtained by contacting the Prices and Consumer Affairs Division at 562-2732 or by emailing consumer.promotions@ab.gov.ag



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Inquest Held Into the Deaths of Creekside Homicide Victims

An inquest was held on Tuesday, October 27, into the deaths of 49-year-old Rennie George and 18-year-old Yejide Christian, both of Creekside, who were fatally shot during an incident on Tuesday, October 20, 2026.

The proceedings convened at approximately 8:30 a.m. and presided over by Chief Magistrate Ngaio Emanuel, in the presence of a seven-member jury.

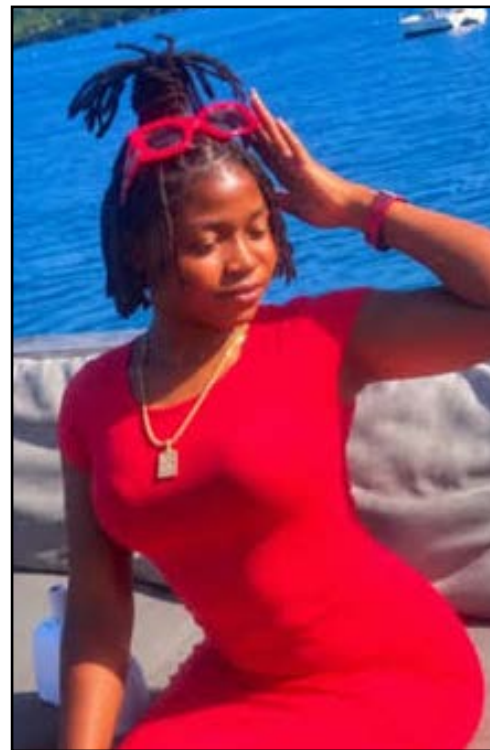
Meanwhile, investigations into the double homicide remain active and ongoing, as investigators continue their efforts to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident and identify those responsible.

The police are once again appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the incident or has information that could assist with the ongoing investigations to come forward.

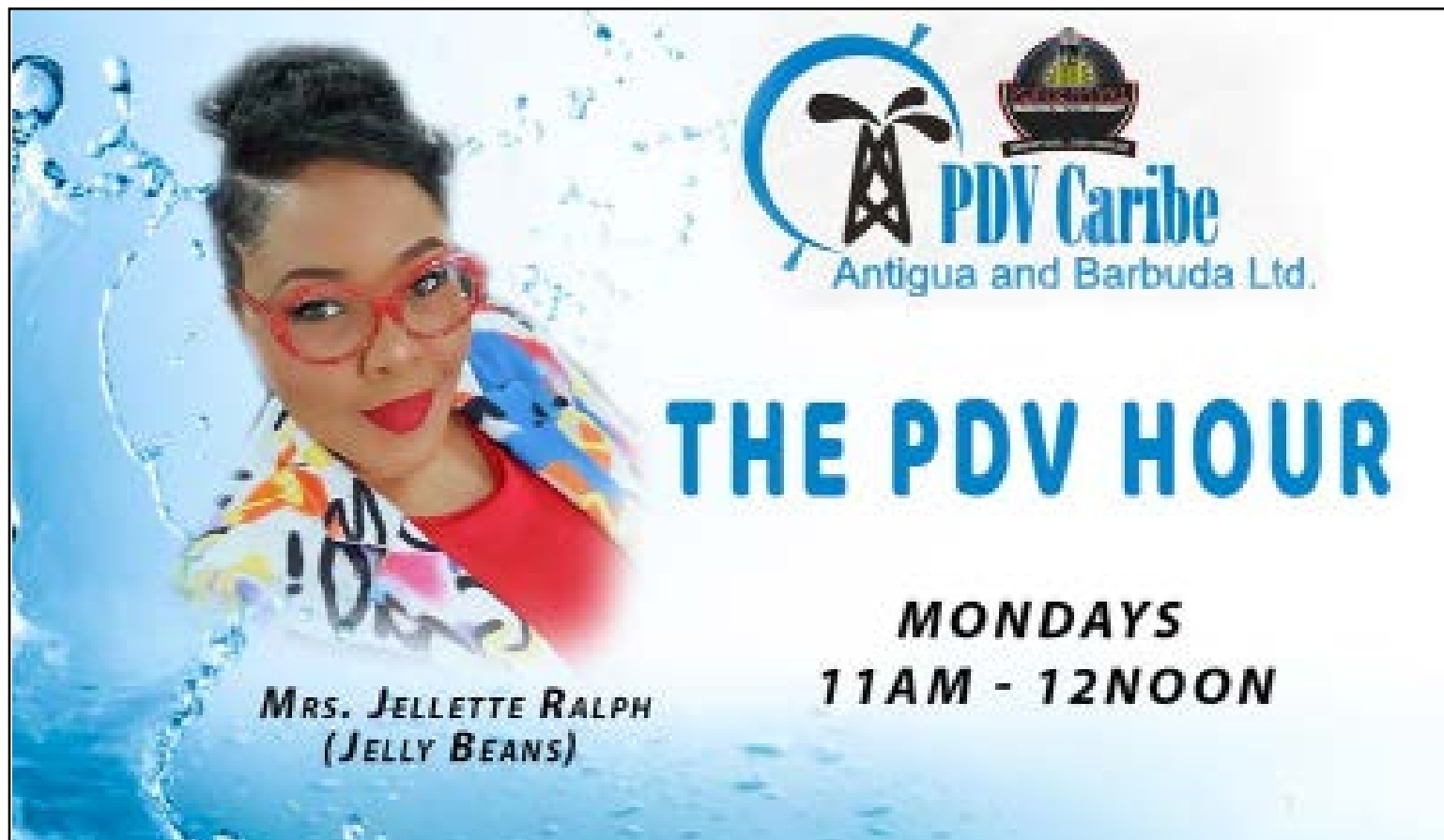
The Police Administration continues to extend its deepest condolences to



the families and loved ones of both victims and assures them that every



effort is being made to thoroughly investigate this tragic incident.



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Mill Academy Classroom Transformation Opens New Doors to Digital Learning



For a child discovering new possibilities, technology can make learning an adventure. For a woman seeking to improve her employment prospects, access to education can be the first step towards a more secure future.

At Mill Academy, both possibilities are taking shape following an EC \$38,000 investment by the Sandals Foundation in a state-of-the-art smart classroom that will enhance learning for students while supporting an adult education programme designed to strengthen skills, qualifications and employment readiness within the surrounding community.

The upgraded classroom space now features an interactive smart board, more than a dozen tablets, stylus pens, camera and sound device, wireless keyboards, headphones and modern furniture, creating a contemporary learning environment that encourages greater interaction, exploration and engagement.



For Principal Kisma Panthier-In Pierre, the investment supports the school's commitment to educational excellence while advancing a vision that extends beyond its student population.

"We take great pride in the quality of education we provide at Mill

Academy, and this investment gives us another way to ensure that our students benefit from engaging, innovative learning experiences that prepare them for an increasingly digital world."

Panthier-In Pierre says the enhanced educational experience

Independence Day Sale



From 24th to 31st of October



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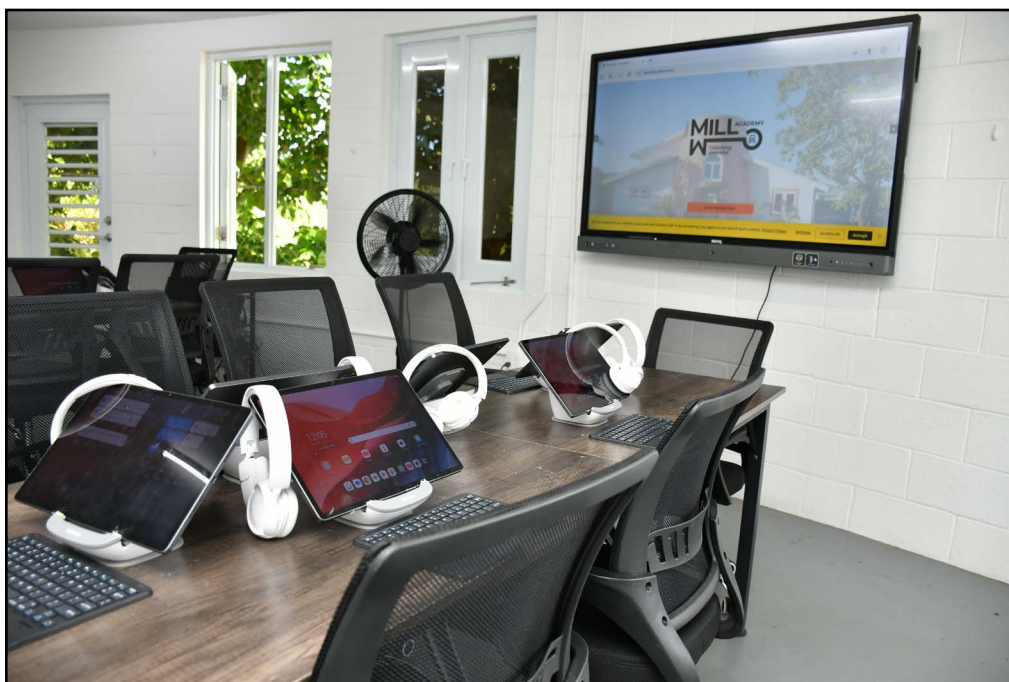
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will serve as a multifunctional space, providing significant value to the community.

“Our responsibility as an educational institution does not end with the children who walk through our doors each day. We recognize that there are adults in our community, particularly women and young single mothers, who may not have had the opportunity to complete their secondary education or obtain the qualifications needed to pursue sustainable employment. We want to help change that. Our Adult Booster Course which is a 2-year program brings together academic instruction, practical digital skills, communication training and mentorship. It is about giving participants the support they need to strengthen their qualifications, build confidence and take meaningful steps towards their personal and professional goals and this space will help us do just that,” Panthier-Jn Pierre shared.

Part-sponsored by The Mill Reef Fund, the programme is designed primarily for women, especially young single mothers who either did not attend secondary school or did not achieve the required grades in Mathematics or English to improve their employment prospects. Over three years, participants will have access to five core learning areas: CXC Mathematics, CXC English, French, Introduction to Computers, and Communication skills through Toastmasters International. Mentorship and guidance in interview preparation will further help participants navigate the job-seeking process and approach employment opportunities with greater confidence.




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If parking around the stadium reaches capacity, attendees will be directed to designated
Park & Ride locations, where shuttle services will be available.
Upon arrival, follow the directions of the CHOGM team and proceed to your designated zone.

GATES OPEN:

6 PM

SHOW STARTS:

8 PM SHARP!

SHOW ENDS:

11 PM

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7:00 PM



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A man of the People, A Good, Good Citizen

A Good Good Citizen

By Lennox Weston

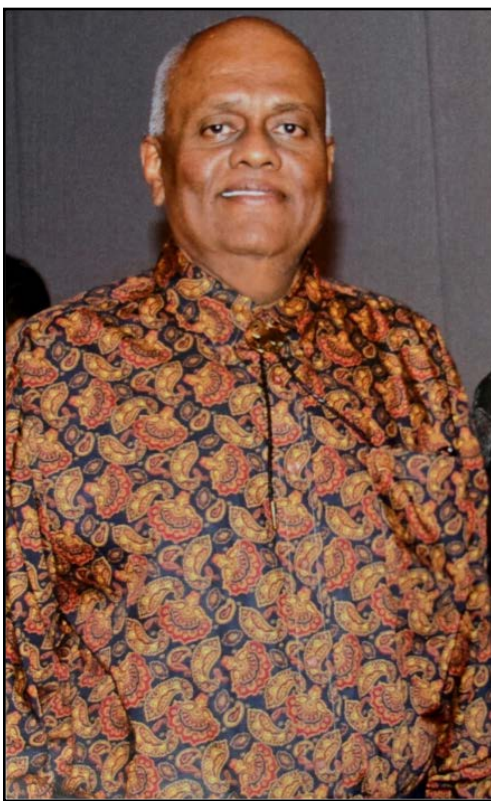
As we approach the 45th Independence of Antigua and Barbuda coming of age it is a good time to reflect on the need for quality citizens to propel our nation to higher heights.

Nearly forty-five years ago Dr. Raj arrived in Antigua born in Sri Lanka on the northern plain growing up during the dark days of a nation torn apart by ethnic tensions and violence which led to a civil war. Visually shattered by the brutality of the warfare, he with most members of his family migrated to England to exploit educational opportunities. Having qualified as a Dentist he had a secure and lucrative role in the UK or like other family members had options of migrating to USA.

Instead, Dr. Raj took up the map of the world ready to create his own path and build a new life. Coming from a sunny warm island with beautiful beaches rolling hills and before the civil war a close-knit community, Dr Raj knew he wanted to take the best parts of Sri Lanka with him. Dr Raj knew he wanted to live close to the sea with sunny bright conditions. Instead of the ugliness of civil war, Dr Raj wanted peace, a close-knit warm community, full of love, sharing, laughter and a safe place to raise his family.

There was one other criterion that was non negotiable. Dr Raj carried a mad addiction and love for cricket that most supporters in India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka have for cricket.

The dominant West Indian team was everyone's favourite and Dr Raj was also a massive fan. He was deeply disappointed that not many Tamils got a chance to play for Sri Lanka with only five Tamils having played for the national test team even after the wizardry of Muralitharan and performances of Angelo Matthews who retired in 2025. Similar to the Leeward Islands in the context of a minority region in West Indian Cricket, Tamils make up 16 % Sri



Lankan population with Sinhalese ethnic group making up about 76 % with over 16million population.

Viyaskant is now a one-day player for the National side, as a tight leg spinner and is poised to be the next Tamil originating from the heart of Jaffna, the centre of the Tamil ethnic group location in the north of the country.

Dr Raj too was a massive supporter of the West Indies team, he admired their swagger, skill, passion, unity, ruthless dominance especially against the old colonial masters. The West Indies crushing victories over the old colonial masters gave old colonial populations immense satisfaction seeing it as paying back even if only a tiny bit for the ruthless exploitation and under development of their homeland and their people. Each victory demonstrating that being coloured whether brown or black, having a different religion whether Hindu, Muslim Buddhist or newer Christian religions Methodist Moravian Mission or Baptist did not make you inferior or

less than any other.

Something about the swagger, ruthless destructive dominance and absolute genius of Viv Richards and the broad brim hat of Richard's son the then young Riche Richardson were Dr Raj favourites. So, it was settled the home of Viv Richards will be his home, the country of his children.

Dr Raj decided the East will meet the West reversing Columbus desire of going west to reach the east or as David Rudder puts it the Ganges meeting the Nile.

Dr Raj packed his bag with his young family and came to Antigua and for the next almost 45 years became a citizen of Antigua and Barbuda building his dental practise and building his family.

Dr Raj always chose to live among the people never isolating himself in some upscale neighbourhoods but chose to live in communities where the normal working-class people lived. Dr Raj dental practice on Cross street in Bishop Lodge Building was the base of his own personal community, having first worked out of the former Governor General Sir James Carlisle dental office on High Street.

Dr Raj became the dentist of two or more generations. Dr Raj did not have clients, every client became a close friend, members of his extended family, Dr Raj was interested in every patient he treated, their welfare, in their children progress, in community life, in religion, in the politics, not so much party politics but more so how the politics and political relations and access to government services and benefits can help his clients navigate a problem, land a job, a scholarship or promotion or get the assistance they required. Dr Raj mentored young academics even setting up his own research group. He gave away so much free service his clients wondered how he would educate and feed his family.

CARICOM • UN VOTE ON CUBA

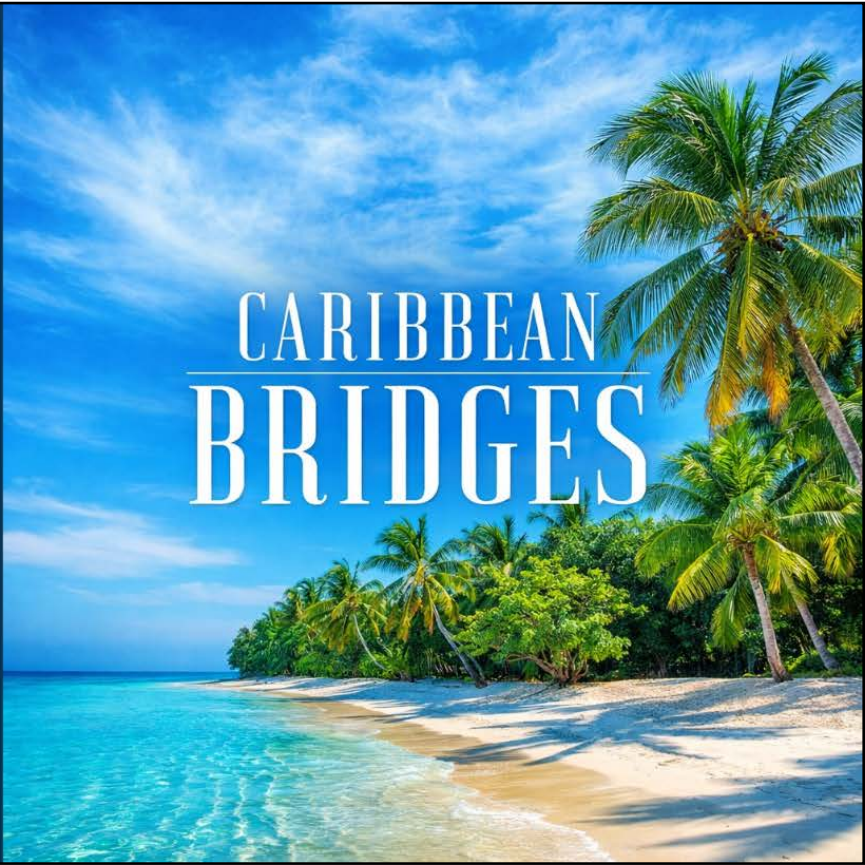
T&T votes No on Cuba. Twinned with Washington?

130 in favour
17 against
25 abstained

Julian Rogers

UN General Assembly, 28 October 2026

CARIBBEAN BRIDGES



Trinidad and Tobago votes No on Cuba, twinned with Washington, as it prepares for the Security Council

On Wednesday the UN General Assembly voted 130 to 17, with 25 abstentions, to call once more for an end to the American embargo on Cuba. Trinidad and Tobago, whose governments have backed that call for decades, was recorded among the 17 who voted No. Within CARICOM it stood alone, while Jamaica, Guyana and Haiti abstained.

This was not a stumble. T&T abstained on a procedural vote in July, said nothing in Tuesday's debate, and then voted against, standing with the United States and Israel while Washington's ambassador lobbied hard to peel states away from their old positions.

It is the latest link in a chain. Since October 2025 a US warship has docked in Port of Spain, a US military radar has gone up in Tobago, T&T's airports have opened to American military flights, and

the Prime Minister has applauded strikes on alleged drug boats that few Caribbean leaders endorsed. In March she was one of only two CARICOM leaders invited to Donald Trump's Shield of the Americas summit, and afterwards she called him brave and visionary. On Cuba, T&T has already stepped away from the region, reserving its position on a CARICOM statement about the humanitarian crisis and sending its own relief rather than joining the regional effort. In July it signed agreements with American firms on data centres and steel. Call it what it is: a twinning.

There are defenses. T&T is seven miles from Venezuela, it has struggled with violent crime, and it needs gas, and the Prime Minister says the partnership is about public safety. Fair enough. But a foreign policy is judged in aggregate.

On Cuba, the Prime Minister argues that she will not support dictatorship anywhere, and this week she accused former regional leaders of backing for Cuba a system they would never accept at home. Washington's ambassador argued in the chamber that Cuba's troubles come from repression, corruption and military control of the economy. Those are arguments about Cuba. The resolution is something else. It endorses nothing in Havana, binds no one, and asks only that the United States end a trade measure the Assembly regards as contrary to the UN Charter. T&T voted for the same resolution a year ago, with its CARICOM partners, and Cuba's embassy thanked it. The title has not changed. The company the Prime Minister keeps has.

The timing sharpens the point. In June, 181 of 190 states elected T&T

CARICOM · HOW THE REGION VOTED ON CUBA

CARICOM at the UN on Cuba. Trinidad and Tobago stood alone.

1 Voted No	Trinidad and Tobago
3 Abstained	Guyana Haiti Jamaica
7 Voted in favour	Bahamas Barbados Belize Grenada St Kitts and Nevis St Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname
3 No vote recorded	Antigua and Barbuda Dominica Saint Lucia

Julian Rogers

Source: UN General Assembly voting board, A/81/L.5, 11.19 am, 28 October 2026. The 14 CARICOM members of the UN.

to the Security Council for 2027 and 2028, unopposed and with the support of all five permanent members, Washington included. Its seat begins on 1 January. The government promised the world a “balanced, principled, reliable and pragmatic partner”. On Wednesday it showed only the last quality.

A seat on the Council is a test of whether a small state can think for itself when a great power would prefer otherwise. Twinning suits a town and its sister city. It is a poor posture for a country that says it will speak for the Caribbean where war and peace are decided. The Prime Minister owes the region a plain explanation.

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THE BRITISH MONARCHY, AFRICAN ENSLAVEMENT AND THE CASE FOR REPARATIONS FROM SLAVE-OWNING FAMILIES TO THE BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY



The Smiths, the Lascelles and the transmission of wealth and status

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

The relationship between the British monarchy and African enslavement did not end with the trading companies of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Wealth derived from plantations, mortgages and compensation could endure across generations, helping families acquire the status and connections that brought them into Britain's highest social circles.

Two family histories are especially revealing: the Smith banking family and the Lascelles family, Earls of Harewood. Their histories illustrate how slavery-related wealth could circulate through banking, landed property, aristocratic status and marriage. They also require careful distinctions between direct personal involvement, inheritance and later genealogical connections.

George Smith was a partner in Smith, Payne & Smith, a London banking house established in the eighteenth century. Members of the family were associated with Jamaican plantation interests, and the bank provided finance secured against estates and enslaved people. Records examined by the Legacies of British Slave-Ownership project show the firm's involvement in mort-

gages linked to the Holland, Fish River and Petersville estates in Jamaica.

The same records connect the bank and its partners to compensation claims arising from emancipation. A financial institution could profit from the plantation system without owning every plantation outright: mortgages, credit and the enforcement of debts were important parts of slavery's economic infrastructure. When emancipation arrived, compensation could also protect creditors' interests.

The Smith family's later connection to the monarchy ran through the Bowes-Lyon family. George Smith's son Oswald was the father of Frances Dora Smith, who married Claude Bowes-Lyon, the thirteenth Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne. Their descendants included Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, later Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. She was the mother of Elizabeth II and grandmother of Charles III.

This genealogy establishes a family connection; it does not, by itself, demonstrate that a particular sum from an identified compensation claim passed directly to Charles III. The historical significance is that a family whose economic history intersected with slavery became part of the ancestry of the modern royal household.

The Lascelles family presents another route from Caribbean plantation wealth to royal kinship. The family accumulated substantial plantation interests in Barbados and Jamaica. Its wealth helped support the ascent of the family into the British aristocracy, including the creation of the Harewood earldom in the early nineteenth century.

Henry Lascelles, the second Earl of Harewood, received compensation connected with enslaved people on estates in Barbados and Jamaica. Dr Ahmed N. Reid cites compensation of approximately £26,300 associated with 1,277 enslaved people. These records put human beings at the centre of what might

otherwise be described only as a story of aristocratic wealth.

In 1922 Henry Lascelles, the sixth Earl of Harewood, married Princess Mary, daughter of George V and sister of the future kings Edward VIII and George VI. Their marriage linked the Harewood family directly to the royal household. Their son, the seventh Earl of Harewood, was a grandson of George V and a first cousin of Elizabeth II.

The distinction matters: the Smith connection is ancestral to Charles III through the Queen Mother; the Lascelles connection is through marriage into the royal family. Both illuminate the movement of wealth and social position through British institutions, but they are not identical claims.

These histories also raise broader questions about the legacy of compensation. Britain's state-funded payment to enslavers was a transfer of public resources to those recognised as owners of human beings. Families and financial institutions that benefited from the plantation economy could carry those advantages into later generations, even as the descendants of the enslaved inherited the consequences of dispossession.

The record does not require exaggeration. The documented relationships between enslavement, wealth, status and royal connections are serious enough. They invite the monarchy, like other enduring British institutions, to confront not merely the abstract fact of slavery but the concrete pathways through which its benefits were transmitted.

NEXT WEEK: Historical responsibility and the case for reparatory justice.

Selected sources: UCL Legacies of British Slave-Ownership database; S. D. Smith, *Slavery, Family, and Gentry Capitalism* (2006); NatWest Group heritage history of Smith, Payne & Smiths; Burke's Peerage (2003).

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Four killed as heavy rains batter Haiti

The General Directorate of Civil Protection (DGPC), says the provisional death toll from the heavy rains which have been battering Haiti over the past three days, stands at four, with two others reported missing.

In a statement, the DGPC said that the weather has, since last Saturday, persisted over the Greater Antilles, triggering intense rainfall across Haiti and that the rains have resulted in fatalities and widespread damage.

It said in total, 21 communes have been affected and that the provisional death toll stands at four with 3,209 families affected. Two fishermen are also reported missing.

The Civil Protection agency reports 2,130 houses in Nippes, Grand'Anse, South and West Haiti have been flooded and that 847 homes have been destroyed with another 219 sustaining damage.

Several rivers are overflowing in the Nippes department, four in the South department, while flooding has also been reported in the town center of Baradères. Roads have been cut off, and communications remain difficult.

The authorities report that significant losses have been recorded in the agricultural sector, with numerous plantations destroyed.

Haiti's Hydro-Meteorological Unit (UHM), in coordination with the DGPC and the SPGRD, has raised the alert level with several areas including Grand'Anse, Sud, Nippes, Sud-Est, and Ouest departments being placed under an orange alert, while the Artibonite and Nord-Ouest departments are now under a yellow alert.

The DGPC said it is gradually opening temporary shelters. (CMC)



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US, Cuban officials engage in shouting match during UN debate over economic embargo



US and Cuban officials engaged in a stunning shouting match on the floor of the United Nations General Assembly yesterday, the latest in a series of public spats between the long-time adversaries over Washington's escalating economic campaign against Havana.

The interaction began shortly after US Ambassador to the UN Mike Waltz took the podium to argue against supporting the annual resolution this week condemning the US' decades-long economic embargo against the island country.

As Waltz was detailing years of alleged corruption by the socialist government, members of the Cuban delegation, including Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez, began to slam on their designated table and yell for a point of order.

Then, as UN officials sought to tone down the outbursts, Rodríguez walked down the aisle to the head of the General Assembly and yelled to Waltz, "You are a liar!"

Waltz responded, "You understand who you're dealing with? This is America. Back up."

While the moment represented a shocking break from diplomatic decorum traditional to the UN, it perfectly captured the heightened tensions between Cuba and the US as President Donald Trump's administration seeks to force changes to Cuba's political system by increasing its already-punishing economic campaign.

The Caribbean country — already facing the dire impact of long-time economic and financial troubles — is now being pushed to a breaking point after Trump, a Republican, announced in late January that he would impose tariffs on any country that sells or provides oil to Cuba. The warning has effectively cut off fuel to the island, leading to widespread power outages that affect basic activities such as cooking, the water supply and Internet and telephone services.

The outbursts on Tuesday come a week after a similar interaction between Waltz and his Cuban counterpart, Ernesto Soberón Guzmán, outside a US-hosted panel with Cuban dissidents and former prisoners that sought to highlight allegations of the oppressive behaviour of the island's government.

Waltz and other US officials have been using these public events and gatherings at the world body to try to persuade UN member states to vote on Wednesday against the annual resolution, which is aimed at calling out the US government's "maximum pressure policy" against Cuba.

For the past 34 years, the resolution has received overwhelming support. Last year, the vote was 165-7, with 12 abstentions. Argentina, Ukraine and Hungary opposed the measure for the first time.

While such resolutions are not legally binding, they do reflect world opinion. (Jamaica Gleaner)

Regional News



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, uninhabit-



ed 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)

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At least 64 dead in high-speed train crash in central Spain

A high-speed train slammed into the rear of another train that had stopped, derailing two cars and killing at least 64 people on Wednesday in central Spain, authorities said.

The central government's office for Castilla La Mancha confirmed the death toll had risen.

The regional president of Castilla La Mancha, Emiliano García-Page, had said at least 80 people were injured as rescue workers continue to search in the wreckage for survivors and bodies.

It was the second major train accident in Spain this year.

Spain's rail system operator ADIF said the crash occurred Wednesday morning in the province of Toledo. The accident was between two high-speed trains carrying hundreds of passengers and heading in the same direction from the capital Madrid to Seville in southwestern Spain, according to Esther Padilla, spokesperson for the Castilla La Mancha region.

One ran into the tail of the other that had stopped, knocking two of its cars off the track.

Padilla said that the cause of the crash was not known. Rail service was suspended between Madrid, Ciudad Real and Andalusia.

The crash, which occurred in a flat stretch surrounded by olive fields in between the towns of Urda and Los Yébenes, left one car shredded into bits of metal and other material, scattering debris down a gravel slope.

Spanish Health Minister Mónica García said that emergency workers were focusing on rescuing survivors and bodies from the two most damaged train cars. She said that the injured are being sent to different hospitals in the area.

"It was a high-speed impact, so we are expecting this to be a tragedy," García said.

The accident involved a train from Spain's state-owned RENFE company and the private rail company IRYO. It appeared the RENFE train rammed the



IRYO train, Spanish media reported. García-Page said 24 died in the RENFE train, and six in the IRYO one.

Passenger Ignacio Relaño was traveling on the RENFE train. He told state broadcaster TVE that the train had stopped momentarily on the line before it started again and then crashed into the IRYO.

"We all felt the train abruptly slowing down and then the impact," he said. "The car leaned to one side like it was about to tip over. I hit my nose, everything went flying, luggage, cell phones. Everything shook."

Padilla said that 397 passengers were in the RENFE train and 147 passengers in the IRYO train.

Trains from those two companies were also involved in a deadly crash in January.

IRYO, an Italian-owned company, said in a statement that it has "activated its security protocols and is closely working with authorities."

The mayor of the nearby town of Urda, Manuel Galán, said that that civil protection authorities had asked his town hall to prepare a sports pavilion to attend to injured passengers.

A military emergency brigade was deployed to help emergency services, firefighters and police. Ambulances and medical helicopters made trips to

and from the site, while unscathed survivors were put on buses.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez canceled his agenda to focus on the crash. He wrote on X that he was "dismayed by the serious train accident in Toledo."

"Emergency services are working on site to attend to the affected passengers," wrote Sánchez, who faces a national election next month. "All my thoughts are with the victims and their families."

Spain's King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia said in a short statement on X that they were following news of the accident.

"We are deeply saddened and concerned by the train accident in Urda (Toledo)," the royal couple said. "We share in the grief of the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives, and we send our heartfelt support to the injured and all those affected."

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said "My heart goes out to the victims' families and loved ones. Today, Europe mourns with you."

Spain's soccer federation postponed all 24 Copa del Rey games scheduled on Wednesday. (AP)

U.S. imposes new North Korea sanctions amid stalled diplomatic talks

The United States issued new North Korea-related sanctions on Wednesday, targeting 10 individuals and one entity, according to a notice posted to the Treasury Department's website.

The Treasury Department said the schemes involve North Korean IT workers fraudulently gaining employment with companies in the United States and elsewhere, and Pyongyang taking most of the workers' wages to fund its weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile programs.

"These networks permeate through the global financial system, necessitating a unified response to match the threat," the department said in a statement, adding that Australia and the European Union also imposed North Korea-related sanctions this month.

North Korea's mission to the United Nations in New York did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The sanctions come as President Donald Trump has been eager to jump-start talks with North Korea, but Pyongyang has shown little interest in diplomacy aimed at containing its nuclear program. However, earlier this month Trump downplayed the idea of another high-profile meeting with Kim in China next month.

Trump became the only U.S. president to have met a North Korean leader when he held an unprecedented series of summits with Kim in 2018 and 2019, but the diplomatic efforts broke down over US demands that North Korea give up its nuclear weapons.

Trump has since referred to North Korea repeatedly as a "nuclear power," although his administration has continued to call for the country's denuclearization and has not formally recognized it as a nuclear-weapons state.

Wednesday's sanctions targets in-



clude facilitators and North Korean IT workers based in North Korea and Russia, the Treasury Department said. The targeted entity is named the First Financial and Technical Development Center, and six of the sanctioned indi-

viduals are linked to that firm.

The Treasury Department sanctioned a separate North Korean IT worker network in March. (Reuters)

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Attacks kill at least 60 Orthodox Christians in Ethiopia, church says



Two attacks in Ethiopia's Oromia region killed at least 60 Orthodox Christians, the country's Orthodox Church said, urging the authorities to protect civilians and bring those responsible to justice.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church's Holy Synod said on Monday that 14 people were killed in Merti district on October 20 and a further 46 in Shirka district on Saturday. Both districts are in Oromia's Arsi Zone.

More than 20 people were seriously wounded and 20 homes were burned down, the church said, describing the killings as "brutal and merciless massacres".

A Christian resident of a nearby town said he travelled to Tereta Chole, the village in Shirka district where Saturday's attack took place, to attend funerals on Saturday and help transport the wounded. "We counted the injured people who were loaded onto the Isuzu truck," he said.

A priest based in the same nearby town said he saw wounded people ar-

iving at the hospital near his home. Some patients were later referred to other hospitals, he said. Both men spoke to The Associated Press by telephone on condition of anonymity because they feared for their safety.

Oromia regional government spokesperson Hailu Adugna blamed the Oromo Liberation Army, or OLA, for the attacks. He accused the rebels and their allies of trying to provoke ethnic and religious conflict to divert attention from military losses in northern Ethiopia. He presented no evidence in the statement to support the accusations.

Adugna expressed sorrow over the deaths and destruction and said that regional authorities had begun taking action against those responsible. He pledged assistance to people wounded or displaced.

The OLA couldn't be reached for comment. Its leader, Kumsa Diriba, also known as Jaal Marroo, denied that his fighters target civilians in an interview with The Associated Press (AP) published in February.

"Our war is not against the people," he said at the time.

The OLA is one of seven groups in the Ethiopian Peoples' Forces Alliance for Survival, formed in September with the aim of removing Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government. Other members include the Tigray People's Liberation Front and the Amhara Fano National Movement.

The church said that the attacks violated constitutional protections for religious freedom and the right to life. It called on the authorities to publicly condemn the killings and prevent further violence.

Oromia, Ethiopia's largest region and home to roughly 40 million people, has endured a conflict between government forces and the OLA since 2018. Other armed groups and criminal gangs also operate there, with civilians facing killings, extortion and kidnapping.

UN investigators have accused the OLA of killings, rapes and kidnappings. Human-rights monitors have also documented abuses by government forces, including indiscriminate drone strikes, extrajudicial killings and disappearances.

Sarah Kimani, Amnesty International's media manager, told the AP in a January interview that the organisation's research documents summary executions, torture, abductions and rape by both government forces and the OLA..

She said that Internet blackouts and restrictions on independent media and civil society concealed the extent of civilian suffering.

"What we have been able to document now is just the tip of the iceberg," Kimani said. (AP)

Sports News



COOL & SMOOTH SECONDARY SCHOOLS' FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2026

OCS maintain perfect start in school boys under-16 division league

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

The Ottos Comprehensive School made it three wins in a row by snatching a 1-0 victory over Pares Secondary School at the Antigua Grammar School's playing field.

Kaleel Lawrence struck the winner by scoring the only goal of the match. It was the first loss for Pares Secondary School after playing to a 1-1 draw with St. Mary's Secondary School in their opening encounter.

Reigning three-peat champions, Princess Margaret School (PMS), extended their unbeaten run in defense of their title, recording their second win in three matches by snatching a 1-0 victory over All Saints Secondary at the Clare Hall playing field.

Collin Jonas scored the only goal of the match in the 20th minute to secure victory for PMS as All Saints Second-

ary lost back-to-back matches after winning their opening encounter.

After losing their season opener to St. Joseph's Academy, the Sir Novelle Richards Academy claimed their second successive win by pulling off a 1-0 victory against Jennings Secondary School at the Bolans playing field.

Jordan Murray scored the only goal of the match with a strike in the 15th minute, which caused Jennings Secondary School to remain on one point after suffering their second defeat in three matches.

Clare Hall Secondary School (CHSS) claimed their first win in three matches by pulling off a 2-0 victory over St. Mary's Secondary School at the Bolans playing field.

ZadeaK Telemaque scored the opening goal in the first minute, and Michael Moses added a second with a strike in the 25th minute to secure a victory that allows CHSS to advance to four points.

St. Mary's Secondary School remains on one point after suffering their second defeat in three encounters.

After launching their campaign by playing to a goalless draw with St. Joseph's Academy in their opening game, Irene B. Williams Secondary (IBWS) picked up their first win with a 2-1 victory over St. Anthony's Secondary School (SASS) at Antigua Grammar School's playing field.

Kimani Jno Baptiste produced a 25th-minute conversion, and Kimoi Alexander scored in the 46th minute to give IBWS a two-nil lead. Elijah Cenac reduced the deficit for SASS with a conversion in the 50th minute.

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

Last year's losing finalists, Antigua Grammar School (AGS), and St. Joseph's Academy (SJA) played to a goalless draw in their third-round match at the Clare Hall playing field.

The result allows AGS to advance to four points from three matches, while SJA stays unbeaten with successive draws after winning their opening encounter.

Empire FC maintains perfect start in ABFA's First Division League



Players of the Empire football team

Empire FC maintained a perfect start to their campaign in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League on Tuesday.

Empire FC notched up their third consecutive win by pulling off a 3-2 victory over Jennings United at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park in St. John's.

Woosberson Buteau put Empire ahead with an 11th-minute conversion. Gayon Wright scored in the 19th minute to equalize for Jennings United.

But Nicado Lindsay scored the first of two goals in the 30th minute to give Empire FC a 2-1 lead at half-time. Lindsay increased Empire FC's advantage by converting his second goal in the 62nd minute.

Dante Isaac reduced the deficit by scoring the second goal in the 86th minute for Jennings United, who suffered back-to-back losses after winning their opening encounter.

The Young Lions of Old Road also maintained their unbeaten start to their campaign in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League on Tuesday.

After launching their campaign with a 1-1 draw with English Harbour FC in their season opener, the Young Lions recorded their first win with a 2-1 victory against Willikies FC in their second match at the Old Road playing field.

The Young Lions, who were promoted from the ABFA's Second Division last season, were given a one-

nil lead at halftime via Stefan Smith's 33rd-minute conversion.

Dejzmatch Christian drew Willikies FC level at 1-1 when he scored an equalizer in the 49th minute. But Deante' Anthony snatched the winner for the Young Lions with a strike in the 74th minute.

The result means that Willikies FC remain winless and without any points after crashing to their third loss in as many matches.

However, the First Division match at the ABFA Technical Center between Swetes Vipers FC and SAP FC was not played.

The Swetes Vipers have won their two encounters so far, while SAP FC has also played two matches, drawing one and losing the other.

Sir Viv and Gower to manage teams for CHOGM cricket match

West Indies legend Sir Vivian Richards and former England captain David Gower have been named Honorary Team Managers for the “One Commonwealth, One Team – A Commonwealth Cricket Celebration”, presented by Hamilton Reserve Bank at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua on Sunday, November 1.

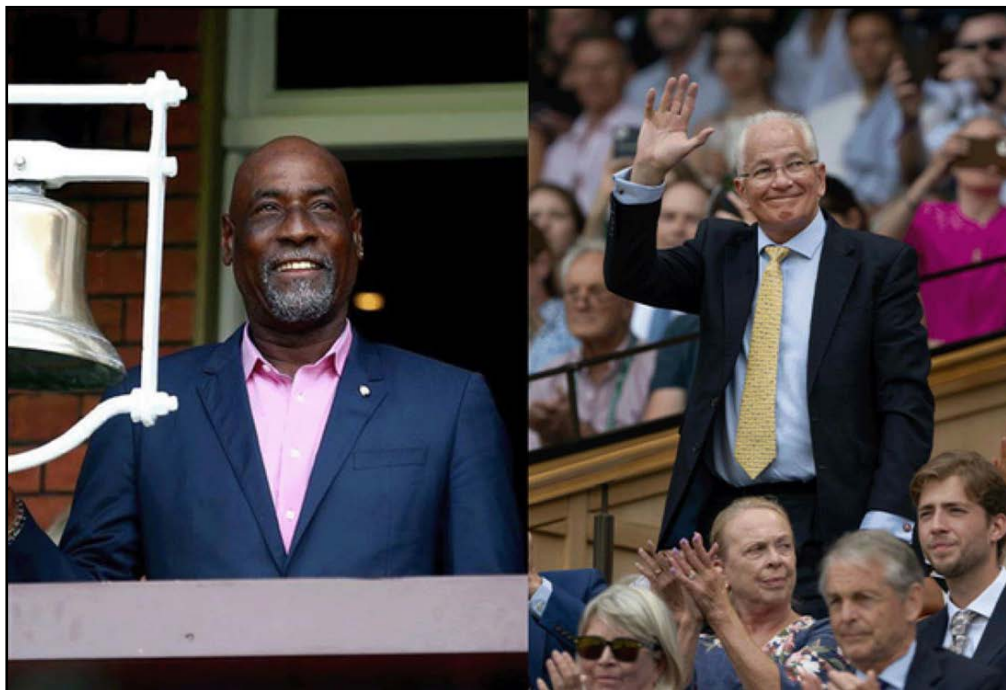
Sir Vivian will manage the Caribbean side, while Gower will take charge of the Wider Commonwealth side, as leaders from across the Commonwealth share the field in a special fixture forming part of the programme for the 2026 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Antigua and Barbuda.

The historic event is being hosted by CWI in collaboration with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, with support from its event sponsors Trivandi, Khalili Foundation and Sustainable Markets Initiative.

The appointments bring together two of the game’s most celebrated figures, who led their countries against each other when England toured the Caribbean in 1986, a series that included Sir Vivian’s famous 56-ball century against Gower’s side at the Antigua Recreation Ground, then the fastest Test hundred in history.

Antigua and Barbuda’s national hero, Sir Vivian is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen the game has produced. He scored 8,540 runs in 121 Tests for the West Indies, captained the side without losing a Test series and was named one of Wisden’s Five Cricketers of the Century.

His role on the evening carries add-



Sir Vivian Richards, left, and former England captain David Gower.

ed significance, with the celebration taking place at the stadium that bears his name, following Antigua and Barbuda’s Independence Day celebrations.

Gower, one of the most elegant left-handed batsmen of his generation, scored more than 8,000 Test runs for England and captained his country, including to Ashes victory in 1985, before going on to a long and distinguished career as a broadcaster.

CWI CEO Chris Dehring said the appointments add further stature to an occasion designed to celebrate cricket’s unique place across the Commonwealth.

“Sir Vivian and David are two of the finest players and most respected figures the game has known and having them alongside our Heads of Government adds something truly special to the occasion,” said Dehring.

“They were fierce rivals as captains,

but what they represent together is exactly what ‘One Commonwealth, One Team’ is about – competition played in a spirit of respect and friendship. We are grateful to them both for being part of this celebration.”

The Heads of Government match will be followed by the Commonwealth Future Stars Under-23 ten-overs-a-side match, bringing together emerging cricket talent from across the Commonwealth. The event will be hosted in collaboration with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda and the Sustainable Markets Initiative, with support from its event sponsors.

“One Commonwealth, One Team” uses cricket to bring the CHOGM 2026 theme – “Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth” – to life, built around three messages: Play Together, Play for Progress and Play for the Future.

Bad light frustrates Bangladesh in first Test against West Indies



Shadman Islam

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Bangladesh opener Shadman Islam was stranded on 99 as bad light brought an early end to Day 1 in the first cricket Test against the West Indies on Wednesday.

Shadman struck 10 fours to guide his side to 213-3 at stumps. Liton Das, returning from a hip injury, was also unbeaten, on 10.

Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto had won the toss and opted to bat first, a decision that was justified by the patient Shadman.

“I think the way he batted, and showed composure throughout the day, the innings will be a learning curve for Shadman,” Bangladesh batting coach Mohammad Salahuddin said.

“As an opener, he should convert his 50s into centuries regularly.”

New-ball fast bowlers Jayden Seales and Shamar Joseph put Bangladesh under pressure with probing lines and lengths early on.

Their persistency paid off when Tanzid Hasan edged a delivery from Seales to second slip on 7.

Unlike Tanzid, Shadman resisted the temptation to repeatedly drive outside the off stump and steadied the innings with Mominul Haque.

They kept West Indies at bay by sharing 59 runs for the second wicket. Left-arm spinner Jomel Warrican broke the partnership when Mominul sliced a ball to mid-off on 28.

Warrican then dismissed Shanto on

19 after a successful lbw review, the skipper missing a paddle sweep. Shadman had raised his 10th half-century, and fourth against the West Indies, by taking a single.

Shadman found an able partner in Tawhid Hridoy, who was playing his first match since making his debut against Zimbabwe in Harare four months ago.

The pair put on 88 before Hridoy was forced off the field after suffering cramp in the humid conditions. He was unbeaten on 42.

Bad light first interrupted play for around 30 minutes when Shadman was on 96. After the resumption, he appeared set for his third Test century but was denied by the early close

Antiguan athletes depart for Youth Olympics in Senegal

The Antigua and Barbuda five-member team left the island on Wednesday for Dakar, Senegal, to compete at the Fourth Summer Youth Olympic Games (YOG).

The island's top athletes, aged 15 to 18, will take to the world stage by participating in the first Youth Olympic Games to be held on the African continent from October 31 to November 13.

Leading the Antiguan team of athletes is World Under-20 finalist, sprinter Tyra Fenton, who will serve as flag bearer. Fenton will compete in the women's 200-meter competition on November 10.

Zonique Charles, a CARIFTA bronze medallist, will contest the women's javelin (500g) on November 9.

Rising table tennis star Stuti Kashyap will compete in the women's singles, which begins on November 1.

Two swimmers, Keziah Joseph (women's events) and Espriit Joseph (men's events), will make their Youth Olympic debuts in the pool. The swimming events will take place from November 1 to 6.

The Antiguan athletes are amongst the best in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and will be aiming to make their mark internationally.

The Antiguan delegation to Senegal will be led by Chef de Mission Karen Joseph, with Eric Henry serving as Athlete Welfare Officer.



Tyra Fenton



Zonique Charles

Coaches Sonia Williams and Aswald Baptiste will manage the track and field athletes; Coach Nelson Molino Fojo will also serve as team manager of the swimmers; and Aleena Edwards of Trinidad and Tobago will perform coaching and managerial duties with the Antiguan table tennis player (Stuti Kashyap).

Medical support will be provided by Dr. Philmore Benjamin. The Antiguan delegation will also be accompanied by President of the Antigua and Barbuda National Olympic Committee (ABNOC) President Paul Chet Greene and ABNOC Secretary General Cliff Williams.

"As Secretary General of the Antigua and Barbuda Olympic Asso-

ciation, I congratulate our young athletes heading 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," Williams stated.

Sponsor PEAK Athletics will provide clothing apparel to outfit the Antigua and Barbuda team at the YOG.

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.