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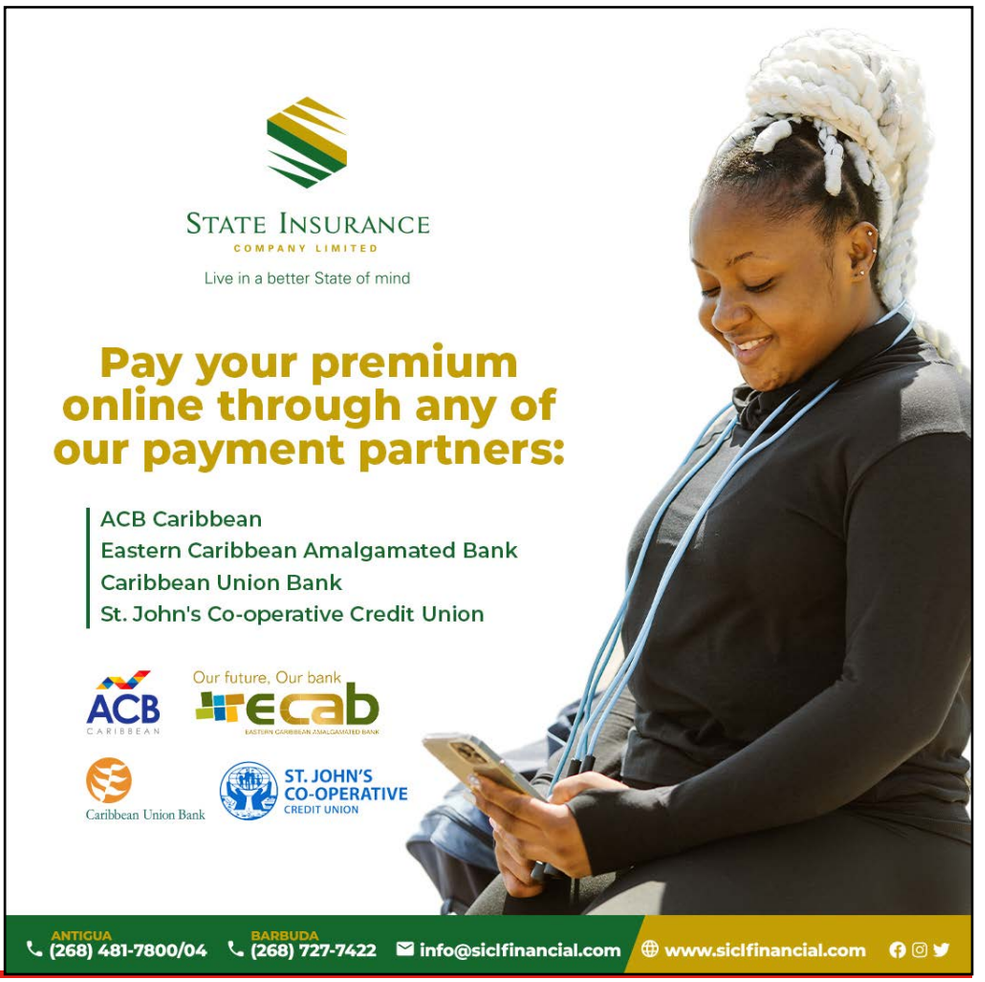


The Minister responsible for Civil Aviation, H. Charles Fernandez, has extended his heartfelt congratulations and profound appreciation to the management, staff and stakeholders of the Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority (ABAA) for their exceptional performance during Antigua and Barbuda's historic hosting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2026.b

As the smallest nation to host this prestigious international gathering, Antigua and Barbuda welcomed thousands of delegates, dignitaries, heads of government and other distinguished visitors from across the Commonwealth, placing the nation's aviation infrastructure, operational systems and airport personnel on an international stage.

According to Minister Fernandez, the performance of the Airport Authority throughout this demanding period was nothing short of exemplary.

"I want every member of the Airport Authority team, from those welcoming our guests in the terminals to those maintaining our facilities, securing our operations, coordinating aircraft movements and managing the complexities of international aviation, to know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed. You were among the first and last ambassadors of Antigua and Barbuda during CHOGM, and you represented our nation with tremendous distinction. I have received overwhelmingly positive re-





ports from colleagues and visiting delegations who were genuinely impressed by the seamless coordination and exceptional service delivered at our airport," Minister Fernandez stated.

The Minister commended the collective efforts of airport management, customer service representatives, VIP and VVIP lounge personnel, immigration and customs officers, aviation security professionals, air traffic controllers, airport operations personnel, janitorial and maintenance teams, and all other supporting agencies whose coordinated efforts ensured the successful movement of passengers and aircraft throughout the CHOGM period.

"Often, when we speak of successful international events, the spotlight naturally falls on the ceremonies, the discussions and the distinguished personalities in attendance. But behind every successful arrival, every smooth departure and every positive first impression is an extraordinary team of professionals working diligently, often behind the scenes, to ensure that everything functions as it should."

Minister Fernandez also highlighted the significance of the recently completed runway rehabilitation works at the V.C. Bird International Airport, noting that the investment proved particularly timely in supporting the operational demands associated with the international gathering.

"The successful completion of our runway rehabilitation project was an important investment in the safety, reliability and future readiness of our aviation infrastructure. CHOGM provided a significant real-world test of that investment, as several aircraft arriving to facilitate the meeting required the enhanced runway capabilities now available to us. The successful accommodation of these aircraft further demonstrated the value of our continued investment in modernizing and strengthening our airport infrastructure."

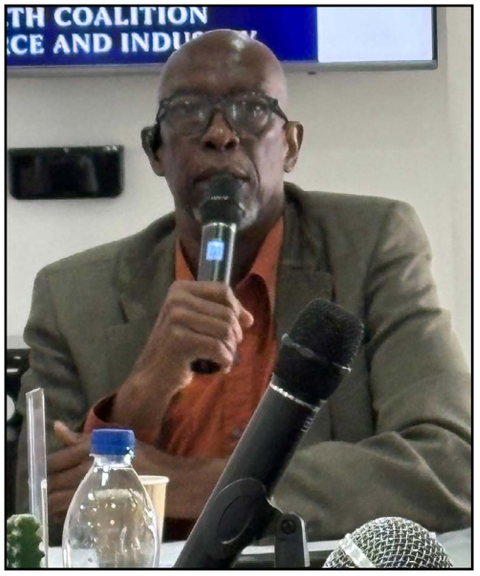
The Minister further acknowledged the leadership of the ABAA Board of Directors and executive management, whose planning, oversight and coordination contributed to the successful execution of airport operations during this historic undertaking.

"As Minister with responsibility for Civil Aviation and the Airport, I take immense personal pride in what our aviation professionals have accomplished. Their performance is a powerful reminder that our greatest national asset remains our people: their competence, commitment, resilience and willingness to go above and beyond in service to their country."

Minister Fernandez concluded by encouraging the entire airport community to build upon the momentum and lessons of CHOGM 2026, ensuring that the standards demonstrated throughout the event continue to define Antigua and Barbuda's aviation sector.



Chambers of Commerce from Across the Commonwealth Are Partnering to Improve Trade Within the Grouping







Last week's hosting of the 28th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) by Antigua and Barbuda served as the backdrop for the launch of the Commonwealth Coalition of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCCCI).

The launch was held at the margins of CHOGM with consultant to the organization, Lizra Fabien of Dominica noting that the Commonwealth represents a 'remarkable network' of nations, markets, institutions and people.

"Yes, there are several opportunities that exist that we have not yet explored, and this remains considerable untapped potential for all of us. There are opportunities for greater trade, for investment, business partnership and even private sector cooperation. So this initiative seeks to fill this gap and the proposed coalition is based on a simple idea that when we connect of Chambers of Commerce, like we have done in the Caribbean, when we connect we get access to greater opportunities and our economies become stronger," Fabien declared.

She noted that there are three separate Chamber networks that are supporting the initiative; these are the network of Caribbean Chambers of Commerce, CARICHAM, the Pan African Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of South Asia. She said the reach of the organization is quite vast within each sub-region.

"It is therefore important that our Chambers which are natural partners who support micro, small and medium enterprises, who support different types of businesses across different sectors coming together; this brings tremendous opportunities for us," she remarked.

Arif Zaman is the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Businesswomen's Network (CBWN), an accredited organization recognized across Commonwealth nations that focuses on women's economic empowerment, leadership, and regional trade, drew



reference to the Communique issued by the Commonwealth Heads at the end of their meeting where they have placed much emphasis on trade within the 56-nation grouping of states.

According to Zaman, the South Asian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, with the largest population of nearly 2 billion people, including, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, will serve as the Secretariat for CCCCI.

Executive Director f the Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Martin Cave, described the coming together of Chambers of Commerce and Industry as a 'seminal' moment highlighting what these business-focused organisations from various regions of the Commonwealth can potentially achieve by coming together.

"We are very happy to be able to launch this coalition which is connecting Commonwealth businesses called CCCCI. Can you imagine that countries from say Canada to South Asia that there will be a connection of businesses drawn from three of the five regions of the Commonwealth; the Americas, Africa and South Asia. We are linking Chambers of Commerce; in the Caribbean alone there are 25, multiple of Chambers in Africa and multiples yet in South Africa," he revealed.

Additional details regarding the CCCCI will be made public in December.



A Carnival-Inspired Masquerade Gala Will Mark Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Awards 2026

The dates have been formally announced for the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Awards 2026, the annual celebration recognising the outstanding individuals and organisations whose dedication, innovation and commitment to service continue to shape the nation's tourism industry.



The Antigua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association (ABHTA), in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Transportation and Investment and the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA), are joint producers of this event, a mainstay of the tourism calendar.

Set for Sunday, 29 November 2026, at Casa Palmadita, this year's prestigious gala will unfold under the theme "Bal masqué du Carnaval", promising an elegant Carnival-inspired masquerade experience that brings together the glamour of a formal awards ceremony and the vibrant spirit of Antigua's Carnival.

Inspired by the artistry, music, movement and pageantry of Antigua's Carnival, the evening will also pay tribute to the island's 70th anniversary of Carnival celebrations. Guests will be taken on an immersive journey through the Carnival experience.

Beyond the festivities, the evening will place the spotlight firmly on the people who are the driving force behind Antigua and Barbuda's tourism success, recognising the passion, professionalism and exceptional service that continue to distinguish the destination on the global stage.

Minister of Tourism, Charles 'Max' Fernandez, stated, "Tourism is, at its heart, a people-driven industry, and these Awards provide an important opportunity to honour the men and women whose dedication, creativity and commitment to excellence continue to make Antigua and Barbuda a destination of choice. As we look forward to the celebration of the 70th anniversary of Antigua's Carnival, we are reminded of the creativity, energy and cultural pride that are part of our national identity."

ABHTA Chairman, Brian Murphy, added, "We are incredibly excited to celebrate the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Awards 2026 with Bal masqué du Carnaval, an extraordinary evening that will bring together the elegance of a formal awards ceremony and the vibrant energy, colour and pageantry of our beloved Carnival. As





we commemorate 70 years of Carnival celebrations, this year's event promises to be a truly memorable experience, celebrating our rich cultural heritage while honouring the remarkable people who are the heartbeat of our tourism industry."

The 2026 Tourism Awards will recognise outstanding achievements across thirteen categories, celebrating excellence at every level of the tourism and hospitality industry:

- Employee of the Year
- Supervisor of the Year
- Rising Star of the Year
- Young Hotelier of the Year
- Young Chef of the Year
- Chef of the Year
- Transportation Service Provider of the Year
- Tour Guide of the Year
- Port Frontline (Sea) Employee of the Year
- Port Frontline (Air) Employee of the Year
- Customer Service Excellence Award
- Social Media Excellence Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Nominations were open to tourism businesses and organisations across both the private and public sectors, providing an opportunity to recognise individuals who consistently demonstrate excellence, leadership and innovation in their respective fields.

All nominees underwent a comprehensive selection process, which included the submission of applications and interviews with a distinguished panel of industry professionals. Nominees in the culinary categories were also required to demonstrate their skills through practical assessments, preparing and presenting dishes for evaluation by a panel of professional chefs.

Winners will be selected based on their overall performance throughout the evaluation process, with award recipients to be officially announced and celebrated at the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Awards Gala on 29 November 2026.




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ABTA Launches 'Switch On Summer 2027' in Trinidad and Tobago as Regional Marketing Push Begins





The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA) has officially launched its 'Switch On Summer 2027' regional campaign in Trinidad and Tobago, marking the first stop in a wider regional marketing push designed to encourage Caribbean travelers to plan their summer holidays in Antigua and Barbuda.

Held at the end of October, the launch focused on building early awareness, strengthening travel trade relationships and generating interest in group travel. Trinidad and Tobago is Antigua and Barbuda's largest Caribbean source market, recording 7,217 visitor arrivals in 2025, up approximately 19 per cent from 6,068 in 2024. A further 5,791 arrivals were recorded from January through October 2026.

Led by Shermain Jeremy, ABTA's Director of Tourism for the Caribbean and Latin America, accompanied by Marketing Officer Alfonsina Olmos, the visit included eight television and radio engagements. These featured CNC3's Morning Brew and TV6's Morning Edition, as well as Vibe CT 105 FM, 95.1 FM, Slam 100.5 FM, Red 96.7, Hott 93 and TAJ Radio.

Under the theme 'Switch On Summer', the campaign brings together four major travel moments: Culinary Month in May, featuring FAB Fest, Restaurant Week and island flavours; Romance Month in June, highlighting couples' escapes, weddings and honeymoons; the 70th anniversary of Antigua's Carnival from July 20 to August 3; and cricket-related travel opportunities during August and September. Together, the experiences are designed to appeal to couples, groups of friends, families, food enthusiasts, Carnival lovers and sports fans.

ABTA also hosted more than 30 travel agents at a Travel Agent Appreciation luncheon at Meena House, where agents received a presentation on 'Switch On Summer 2027' and the opportunities for group travel. Agents expressed particular interest in supporting the summer group travel push. ABTA plans to follow up with airlines, hoteliers and other tourism stakeholders to explore packages and offers that can help turn that interest into bookings.

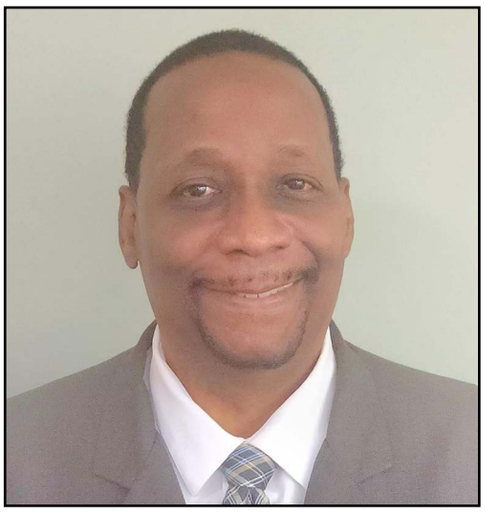
"Trinidad and Tobago is our largest Caribbean source market, and launching 'Switch On Summer' here was a deliberate decision," said Jeremy. "We want Caribbean travellers to think about Antigua and Barbuda early when planning their summer holidays. The enthusiasm from travel agents, particularly around group travel, gives us a valuable starting point. Our next focus is working with airlines, hoteliers and local partners to develop compelling, bookable summer experiences", she added.

The media programme also highlighted Love Link Caribbean, the regional reality dating series filmed in Antigua and Barbuda and featuring contestants from seven Caribbean territories, including Trinidad and Tobago's Angel B. ABTA serves as an Executive Producer of the series, which forms part of its approach to reaching new audiences through Caribbean storytelling and creative partnerships.

Following the launch, ABTA plans to sustain awareness in Trinidad and Tobago through targeted advertising for the remainder of 2026 and expand the campaign to other priority Caribbean markets, including Jamaica, Barbados, Guyana and St. Kitts.

Antigua and Barbuda's hotels, restaurants, tour operators, event organisers and other tourism partners are invited to share summer packages, experiences and promotional offers for potential inclusion in the campaign. Interested partners may contact Shamoi Richards, Business Development Manager, at shamoi.richards@visitaandb.com

First Draft of St. John's Sports Pledge Recommended Within 90 Days



Ambassador Dr. Clarence E. Pilgrim has recommended that the first draft of the St. John's Sports Pledge be completed within 90 days, setting a clear target for translating the commitments emerging from the Commonwealth Sport Summit in Antigua and Barbuda into an actionable framework.

The recommendation is intended to sustain the momentum generated by the Summit and establish a defined timetable for consultation and drafting Summit held in St. John's on 2 November 2026. It contains ten proposed commitments under three themes: building resilient, healthy and inclusive societies; advancing economic prosperity through sport; and strengthening unity, culture and international cooperation.

Dr. Pilgrim is proposing a focused 90-day process involving Commonwealth Games Associations, governments, national sporting organisations, athletes and other relevant stakeholders. He believes the first draft should go beyond general declarations and establish clear priorities, measurable objectives, institutional responsibilities and a framework for implementation. Particular attention should be given to expanding opportunities for small and developing Commonwealth states, strengthening youth and athlete development, improving access to sporting facilities, promoting inclusion and mobilising investment in sport.

The drafting process should also identify potential sources of support and propose arrangements for monitoring progress and reporting on results. These elements would help ensure that the Pledge is practical, measurable and capable of delivering tangible outcomes. Commonwealth Sport has indicated that the draft Pledge will be developed in consultation with its member Commonwealth Games Associations before being shared with governments for consideration through the Commonwealth Sport Coordination Forum.

Dr. Pilgrim's recommendation would introduce a specific 90-day target for producing the first draft. Subsequent consultation, agreement and formal adoption would remain subject to the appropriate Commonwealth procedures. The proposal seeks to position the St. John's Sports Pledge as a practical instrument for advancing sport as a contributor to youth development, economic opportunity, social inclusion and sustainable development throughout the Commonwealth. The measure of success will not simply be the completion of the first draft, but whether the Pledge ultimately translates into tangible opportunities and lasting benefits for Commonwealth citizens.



Mediation Training Is Coming to Antigua and Barbuda as Part of Regional Project



Nationals in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States have long lived with the reality of lengthy legal disputes, sometimes spanning generations, that affect individuals' quality of life, access to finances and business opportunities. The impact can extend beyond individual circumstances, as lengthy court proceedings contribute to growing backlogs across national justice systems.

The Access to Justice Programme: Capacity Building on Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in the Caribbean, being delivered by the OHADAC Regional Arbitration (CARO) Centre aims to provide training for Chambers of Commerce, lawyers and judges to strengthen the use of arbitration and mediation as alternatives to traditional court proceedings in the OECS.

The first training session, held on 17 September 2026 under the theme 'Alternative Dispute Resolution for Businesses in Saint Lucia: Practical Tools for Commercial Risk Management', was organised in partnership with the Saint Lucia Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (SLCCIA) and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CiArb) Caribbean Branch, which invited its members to participate. The session also brought together representatives of the Consumer Protection Council within the Ministry of Commerce, as well as other stakeholders supporting the private sector.

Mediation can also give disputing parties a greater sense of ownership over the process. Rather than placing the outcome entirely in the hands of a judge or other decision-maker, the parties themselves participate in shaping the solution.

The training in Saint Lucia marks the beginning of a wider regional initiative to strengthen capacity in arbitration and alternative dispute resolution across the OECS. The programme will continue with three further training sessions for the private sector:

- On 19 November 2026 in Dominica, in partnership with the Dominica Association of Industry and Commerce (DAIC) and the Dominica Bar Association.
- On 25 November 2026 in Antigua, in partnership with the Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Commerce (ABCC).
- On 2 December 2026 in Saint Kitts and Nevis, in partnership with the Saint Kitts and Nevis Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

Building on this initial phase, the programme is also expected to expand in 2027 to include training for judges of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, lawyers practicing across the OECS, and government stakeholders. These activities will contribute to strengthening knowledge and practical capacity in alternative dispute resolution across the justice system, the legal profession and the public sector, while promoting greater awareness and accessibility of these mechanisms throughout the region


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88-y-o among three arrested for human trafficking in Belize

Belizean police say they have arrested and charged three people, including an 88-year-old man, with the offence of trafficking in persons (TIP).

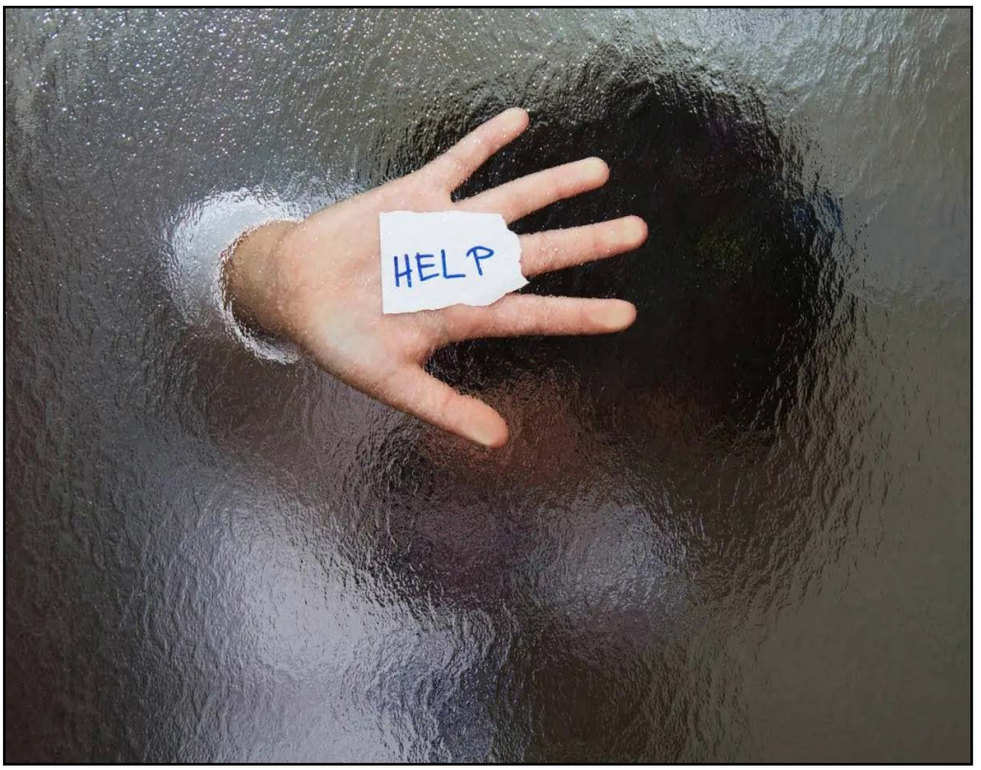
The police said that following directives from the prosecution, the Anti-Trafficking in Persons (A-TIPs) Police Unit of the Belize Police Department formally arrested and charged the 88 year old, identified as Emilio Quinonez Zabaneh, alongside 36-year-old Elvis Christian Zabaneh, and 34-year-old Tersi Amino Aguilar.

The police said that the arrests and charges resulted from collaborative efforts involving several stakeholders including INTERPOL as well as non-governmental organisations supporting the government's efforts to combat human trafficking.

The Ministry of Human Development, Family Support and Gender Affairs said it remains committed to working closely with law enforcement and partner agencies to identify, protect, and support victims of human trafficking and to ensure that those responsible are held accountable under the law.

"Members of the public who suspect human trafficking activities or have information regarding potential victims are encouraged to report their concerns," the police added.

The matter has been adjourned to November 18, 2026. (CMC)



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Pierre says CIP position sent to EU, but he's not sharing details yet



The Government has settled on its position on the future of Saint Lucia's Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP) and has written to the European Union, but Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre is not yet prepared to disclose the contents of the correspondence.

Saint Lucia was given until November 12 to communicate its position to the EU, following an extension of the original October 31 deadline.

"We have written a letter to the EU," Pierre said at Monday's pre-Cabinet press briefing. "I don't think we should make a letter to the EU public. These discussions have to be held at the level of confidentiality, diplomacy and trust."

The EU has been pressing the five Eastern Caribbean countries that operate CIPs – Saint Lucia, St Kitts, Dominica, Grenada and Antigua – to phase them out by June 2028. Its concerns are tied partly to migration and security, with European rules now allowing investor citizenship schemes to be considered when deciding whether to suspend visa-free access to the Schengen area.

Deputy Prime Minister Ernest Hilaire headed an OECS delegation to Brussels in October for discussions. Following those talks, the countries were given until November 12 to decide.

Although the Government has already communicated its decision, Pierre said it would be inappropriate to disclose the contents of the letter before the EU formally receives and acknowledges it.

"When they receive the letter, and they have acknowledged the receipt of that letter, I will come to you or the Deputy Prime Minister will come to you and tell you what was in that letter," he said.

Pierre acknowledged that the EU has made clear what it wants.

"The EU have said that they would like us to stop these programmes," he said.

However, he also stressed that the talks are continuing and that Saint Lucia must protect its economic interests.

According to Pierre, Saint Lucia relies less heavily on CIP revenue than some of the other participating countries, but the income remains important to the Government.

"We want the revenue. The revenue supports us, but we depend the least," he said.

With the November 12 deadline approaching, Pierre urged Saint Lucians to trust that the Government would make its decision in the country's best interest.

"The Government will always look towards the interests of the people of this country," he said. "We are always going to do that. And we continue to do that." (St Lucia Times)



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New CCTV footage challenges police account of Kitty shooting involving Mohamed

Newly surfaced surveillance footage of the 12th October shooting incident on Barr Street, Kitty, has intensified public scrutiny, prompting legal professionals, politicians and civil society leaders to call for an independent investigation into Senior Superintendent Prem Narine and the Guyana Police Force (GPF).

The controversy deepened after head of the Guyana Police Force's Special Branch Unit, Senior Superintendent Prem Narine, claimed that he was shot at first, following reports that police ranks opened fire on Opposition Leader Azruddin Mohamed.

Kaieteur News had earlier reported that the GPF initially failed to respond to claims that its ranks had shot at Mohamed while he was driving past Narine's residence to record what he said was the misuse of state resources through the provision of heavy police security at a private property.

The GPF subsequently issued a statement claiming that Narine discharged his firearm only after coming under gunfire.

According to the police, the incident occurred around 23:45 hrs at Barr Street, Kitty, and is being investigated as an alleged discharge of a loaded firearm with intent and possession of an unlicensed firearm with ammunition.

The police stated that Narine was at his residence when he observed a black Toyota Allion, bearing registration number PXX 5300, travelling slowly along Barr Street.

In its statement, the GPF said: "Preliminary investigations revealed that Senior Superintendent Prem Narine, Head of Special Branch, was at his residence when he observed a black Toyota Allion motor car bearing registration number PXX 5300 travelling slowly along Barr Street."

Authorities said the vehicle passed the residence before returning, after which Narine reportedly heard what appeared to be a gunshot. He then took cover before returning fire.



The vehicle was subsequently intercepted at the junction of Vlissengen Road and Sandy Babb Street, Kitty. It was occupied by Mohamed, Mario Mohamed and driver Eugene Thorne.

Police reported recovering a .32 Taurus pistol without a serial number, three live rounds of ammunition, one .32 spent shell on the southern side of Barr Street and four 9mm spent shells.

Mohamed has strongly denied any connection to the weapon, alleging that it was planted by Narine and his officers while he was being transported to the police station. He also claimed that Narine fired additional shots at his vehicle during the arrest and assaulted him.

Mohamed has maintained that he was attempting to record footage highlighting what he believes is the waste of state resources through the heavy security presence at the special branch head's residence.

Last week, during proceedings at the Georgetown Magistrates' Court, Prosecutor Glenn Hanoman relied heavily on ballistics reports which reportedly linked recovered shell casings to a firearm allegedly found beneath the accelerator pedal of Thorne's vehicle. Defence attorneys, however, have strongly maintained that the weapon was planted after the vehicle was intercepted.

Attorney Siand Dhurjon confirmed that the newly circulated video appears to be a "frame by frame true copy" of the police disclosure. He argued that the charges against the defendants have "not even a slim prospect of success", while calling for Narine to be "brought to justice, suspended and charges ought to be laid as appropriate."

The controversy has also been compounded by testimony during the ongoing extradition proceedings involving Mohamed at the Georgetown Magistrates' Court before Chief Magistrate Judy Latchman.

During the proceedings, Narine conceded under cross-examination that he had unilaterally initiated surveillance on Mohamed without instructions from political superiors.

Narine initially sought to avoid answering questions about the surveillance, citing the Official Secrets Act.

"As a result of the secret act that I signed the declaration, I don't think I can answer that question," he told the court.

However, after being pressed, he admitted under oath that he had monitored Mohamed. Asked who had instructed him to conduct the surveillance, Narine responded: "No one instructed me."

He also testified that he had never submitted reports on the surveillance to higher authorities, stating: "I never did."

During the hearing, defence counsel suggested that Narine was being used to target the Mohameds and their political activities.

"It is our case that Mr. Narine is a tool to frame the Mohameds… to transmit this request through illegal methods," counsel submitted, adding that the defence intended to establish "how far our leaders in government have gone to suppress the Mohameds and their political opinions."

The prosecution objected to the line of questioning, describing it as an irrelevant "fishing expedition" that was wasting the court's time. It maintained that Narine's role under Section 77 was limited to collecting the extradition documents, obtaining the warrant and executing the arrest.

Addressing how the police located Mohamed, Narine testified that one of the ranks he had instructed to look for him spotted him in the area.

He explained that a field officer saw Mohamed on Smythe Street, proceeding north, prompting him to leave the court premises and execute the arrest.

Defence counsel also raised questions about vehicle registration numbers allegedly connected to the operation, including PAC 2716, PAC 3139, PAG 3188 and PAK 1033, while accusing Narine of "selective amnesia" over his knowledge of the vehicles and their locations.

Meanwhile, the newly surfaced footage has triggered strong reactions from political figures and civil society leaders, many of whom are demanding an independent investigation into the shooting.

Terrence Campbell, M.P., said the footage casts "serious doubts on the veracity and credibility of Prem Naraine's account". He stressed that "no individual should be above scrutiny" and called for immediate action, declaring that "justice must be pursued without fear or favour."

Odessa Primus, General Secretary of We Invest in Nationhood, invoked W. B. Yeats in her reaction, writing: "Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold." She also called for an independent investigation into the shooting and the urgent release of the Leader of the Opposition.

Sherod Duncan, APNU MP, described the incident as "nothing less than a state-sponsored conspiracy to unalive the constitutional Leader of the Opposition", accusing the administration of having "lost all moral and constitutional legitimacy to govern."

Amanza Walton, Leader of the Forward Guyana Movement, said "these prevalent police prevarication has to stop", while telling President Irfaan Ali that he "cannot continue to fiddle while Guyana free falls!"

Toshana Famey-Corlette, MP, pointed out that the footage shows the senior superintendent standing in a yard for several minutes before firing. She said the developments have placed public confidence in the police under serious strain.

"Public confidence in the Guyana Police Force is being seriously tested," she said.

Addressing the conditions under which Mohamed is being held on remand, Famey-Corlette stressed that "a person on remand has not been convicted and must not be subjected to punishment outside the law."

Juretha Fernandes, APNU MP, maintained that "the source of evidence can never matter more than the evidence itself", adding that, in the court of public opinion, "their narrative lies in ruins."

Attorney Ronald J. Daniels, while prefacing his comments as "my opinions" and "my theories", warned that if his speculation proves correct, citizens should be "deathly afraid of the capacity for injustice".

He further remarked that "every other living thing in the jungle, even the grass, becomes collateral damage when elephants who rubbed trunks decide to butt tusks."butt tusks." (Kaieteur News)



Iran threatens to 'rain down hell' if U.S. escalates war

Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, has warned that Tehran will "rain down hell" if the United States resumes attacks, serving Washington with an ultimatum in an attempt to end the two countries' eight-month war.

"Our 2-day proposal stands: meet the requirements, including end to war on all fronts, and you will see results," Araghchi wrote in a post on X on Sunday.

"Or choose war, and see our alert and battle-hardened warriors rain down hell," he said.

U.S. President Donald Trump said on Sunday that renewed strikes on Iran are "highly unlikely" if negotiations progress over Tehran's nuclear programme and the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

"It depends on whether or not they sign a very strong agreement," Trump said when asked about continued U.S. strikes on Iran during a phone interview reported by CNN. "I would [continue], if necessary, but we hit them really hard," he added.

Trump warned that U.S. forces have three aircraft carriers stationed in the region "fully locked and loaded", ready to continue strikes if need be. He also said that the U.S. has 38 bridges in Iran's crosshairs that U.S. forces "can knock down in literally one hour".

Iran's Foreign Ministry also quoted Araghchi in an earlier statement on Sunday that said Iran would "not go easy on American targets" in the region.

Araghchi's statements came after reports by state media that an oil tanker caught fire earlier that morning after hitting a naval mine east of the Strait of Hormuz, citing Iran's navy.

The navy claimed the ship's identification systems were turned off and it was travelling in the no-go zone of the strait.



An adviser to Iran's commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Aerospace Force made threats that echoed those of the Iranian foreign minister and said that weapons have been "secured for years to come".

"The armed forces are at the ready, and if the enemy makes a mistake, Iran's response will be devastating and severe," warned IRGC Brigadier-General Ali Belali in a statement on Telegram.

"As senior commanders of the armed forces have pointed out, we have upgraded our capabilities in the post-Ramadan War period," Belali said.

The back-and-fourth between Iranian and U.S. leaders comes following U.S. midterm elections in which the Democratic Party won control of both chambers of Congress, soundly defeating Trump's Republican Party.

Araghchi alleged that negotiations have been delayed as a result of the elections, but he awaits the path forward, Iranian state media reported.

"It will take some time for things to settle down and for the atmosphere to become conducive to the mediators resuming their visits," the foreign minister said. "We have to wait." (Al Jazeera)

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US judge orders psychiatric exam for Meghan Markle's father

A US judge has ordered a psychiatric examination for Thomas Markle, the estranged father of Prince Harry's wife, Meghan Markle, after his arrest for alleged possession of images of child sexual abuse.

Thomas Markle, 82, is charged with one count of "possession of child pornography" and made an initial court appearance in Tampa, Florida on Friday.

Judge Lindsay Griffin cited his "health condition", "advanced age" and "lack of recall" in the order issued on Friday, without providing further details.

Markle was taken into custody by FBI agents earlier that day at the retirement home where he lives in Lakeland, Florida.

The Justice Department said he allegedly "kept child sexual abuse material (CSAM), including sexually explicit photographs of himself with prepubescent girls, in two Los Angeles-area storage units he rented for nearly two decades".

Pictures of child sex abuse have also allegedly been found at Markle's former home in the Philippines and at a storage unit he rented in Mexico.

The judge said she found "reasonable cause to believe" that Markle was suffering from a condition "rendering him mentally incompetent to the extent that he is unable to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him or to assist properly in his defence".



She instructed a psychiatrist to provide a report on Markle's mental state by November 20.

The judge permitted Markle to be moved to house arrest with electronic monitoring, CNN reported.

Markle had been living in Cebu in the Philippines until reportedly returning to the United States this year.

Meghan Markle said last month that she was "deeply distressed" by accusations that her father possessed images of child sexual abuse.

He could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted. (AFP)

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US university suspends fraternity after students filmed on fire



Ohio State University in the United States has suspended a fraternity after footage emerged showing two young men on fire, local media reported on Monday.

The video, which garnered more than 1.5 million views on X, shows the pair surrounded by a group laughing and filming as they roll around on the ground, engulfed in flames.

Fraternities — male social clubs common on US campuses — have long come under scrutiny for booze-infused parties and hazing rituals that can lead to sexual assault, accidents and even deaths.

The elite Cornell University suspended fraternity parties and social events last month for the remaining academic year following an alleged gang rape at one of its clubs that has horrified Americans.

"The university is aware of this extremely concerning incident, and the individuals in question are receiving needed medical care," Ohio State University spokesman Ben Johnson said in a statement quoted by local news outlet WCMH-TV.

"Ohio State has placed the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity on interim suspension pending a full investigation."

Sigma Alpha Epsilon claims on its website to have "forged men into leaders" since its foundation in 1856.

Columbus police said they were also investigating the incident. (AFP)




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BOE beat Shooterz to level business league playoff finals



The Board of Education basketball team

Cup-holders Board of Education (BOE) has drawn level with Richie's Shooterz in the Cool and Smooth Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association's (ABBA) Business League Playoff Championship finals.

In a repeat of last year's finals, the top-seeded Board of Education stayed on course to make a successful defense of their title by securing a 56-48 victory over the second-seeded Richie's Shooterz in Game 4 of the best-of-five series at the JSC Sports Complex on Monday night.

The series is now tied at 2-2 as Adonis Humphreys and Xavier "X-Man" Meade each converted 18 points, and Danny Perez scored 14 points for the Board of Education.

Point guard Tavarus Benta sank 17 points for Richie's Shooterz.

The defending champions were able to tie the series after the second-seeded Richie's Shooterz took a 2-1 advantage by snatching a narrow 66-63 victory over top-seed Board of Education in Game 3.

It is the second time in this year's finals that the Board of Education managed to draw level after falling behind in the series.

The Board of Education surged to a 76-59 victory in Game 2 after Richie's Shooterz took the early advantage with a 68-61 win in Game 1.

It means the Board of Education, which won the round-robin league title for the second successive year, is still on course for a back-to-back playoff title when they clash with Richie's Shooterz in the deciding Game 5 of finals at the JSC Sports Complex on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Richie's Shooterz are 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.





PMS maintain winning form in school girls under-15 league

The Princess Margaret School (PMS) maintained their unbeaten 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 three wins in a row with a 5-1 drubbing of St. Mary's Secondary School (SMSS) in their third-round encounter at Antigua Grammar School's playing field.

Gimel Samuel struck a hat trick with goals in the 26th, 30th, and 44th minutes, while J'kayla Bellot had a double conversion with strikes in the 21st and 45th minutes for PMS.

Ashuana Rattery scored a consolation goal in the seventh minute for St. Mary's Secondary School, who remain on one point after slumping to their second defeat in three matches.

The Ottos Comprehensive School (OCS) also kept their unbeaten run intact, claiming their second win in three matches by snatching a 2-1 victory against the Antigua Girls High School at Antigua Grammar School's playing field.

Corniah Jean-Pierre scored an equalizer in the 27th minute and struck the winner with a 39th-minute conversion to secure victory for OCS after teammate Rhondella Jean Jacques converted an own goal in the 21st minute to give the Antigua Girls High School (AGHS) the lead.

The result allows AGHS to remain on three points after suffering their second defeat in three matches.

Clare Hall Secondary School advanced to six points after claiming their second win in three matches with a 4-0 drubbing of Sir Novelle Richards Academy (SNRA) at the Clare Hall playing field.

Jonica Matthias achieved a hat trick with conversions in the 22nd, 26th, and 35th minutes after teammate Jennia Ferris scored the opening goal in the 20th minute as SNRA crashed to their third defeat in as many matches.

Meanwhile, the Jennings Secondary advanced to four points after claiming their first win in three matches with 4-1 victory over the Sir Novelle Richards Academy at the Clare Hall playing field.

Erick Mereta had a double conversion with strikes in the sixth and 26th minutes, while the other goals for Jennings Secondary School were scored by Joshua Jacobs in the 24th minute and Denny Livingstone in the 28th minute.

Cassean Dean scored a consolation goal in the 32nd minute for Sir Novelle Richards Academy, who suffered their first defeat after snatching a 3-2 victory over All Saints Secondary School in their season opener.

Fenton wins historic silver medal for Antigua at Youth Olympic Games

Tyra Fenton won an historic silver medal for Antigua and Barbuda at the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal, on Tuesday.

The 16-year-old Antiguan teenager clocked 23.36 seconds in a close photo finish, missing out on the gold medal by just 0.01 seconds, to finish second in the women's 200-meter final at the Stade Iba Mar Diop (also referred to as the Complexe Iba Mar Diop) in **Dakar.**

It was the first-ever medal won by an Antiguan at any Olympic Games. The Dominican Republic's Patricia Sine won the race in a time of 23:35 seconds in a photo finish to snatch the gold medal.

Chen Xinxuan of China claimed bronze by finishing in third place in 24:03 seconds.

Fenton booked her spot in the final by clocking 23.63 seconds to win the first of two semi-final heats.

Fellow Antiguan Zonique Charles also produced an outstanding performance at the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal.

Charles claimed a fifth-place finish in the finals of the women's javelin with a personal best effort of 47.19 meters and became the first Antiguan to make a field event final at the Youth Olympics.



Tyra Fenton



McKinney, Rew lead England Lions' demolition of Windies A team



Players of the England Lions

Centuries from Ben McKinney and James Rew helped England Lions thrash West Indies 'A' by 276 runs in the second One Day International on Monday to maintain their unbeaten streak on their white-ball tour of the Caribbean.

In an unbelievable display of power hitting, McKinney bludgeoned 145 off just 65 balls with 15 fours and 10 sixes, while Rew hit an unbeaten 107 off 56 balls – his second consecutive century – to propel England to a mammoth 487 for five in 50 overs after electing to bat first at Warner Park.

The West Indies A team made a promising start and were 143 for one at one stage before Eddie Jack's five-wicket haul saw them bundled out for 211 in 30.5 overs.

The win gave the Lions a commanding 2-0 lead in the five-match series and left West Indies 'A' still searching for their first victory of the tour following a 3-0 whitewash in the preceding T20 series.

The Lions were given a speedy start by openers Thomas Rew and McKinney, with the pair putting on 30 runs in three overs.

Pacer Oshane Thomas broke the stand by having the former caught behind for 22, but from thereon it was complete domination by the visitors.

McKinney and Rehan Ahmed then shared a partnership of 158 runs in 12 overs to give the Lions the perfect launching pad.

When wrist spinner Vitel Lawes accounted for Ahmed's wicket for 26, McKinney added a further 51 runs with captain Dan Lawrence, who made 76 off 56 balls.

Jediah Blades eventually brought McKinney's destructive innings to an end, but James Rew and Ben Mayes, who scored an unbeaten 58 off 46 balls, shared an unbroken partnership of 166 runs in 16 overs to completely take the match away from the home side.

Lawes ended with two for 83 from his eight overs, while Blades took two for 92 from nine overs.

Alick Athanaze's struggles continued when he was bowled by Sam Cook for just one, but half-centuries from in-form batters Kirk McKenzie and Keacy Carty kept the West Indies in the hunt.

McKenzie scored 67 off 64 balls at the top of the order, while Carty made 75 off 54 balls, with the pair adding 130 runs for the second wicket in 17 overs.

But once Jack removed both batters in the space of three overs to see the Windies slide to 151 for three, the middle order collapsed.

Jack also dismissed Jewel Andrew and Shaqkere Parris cheaply to put England in firm control at 166 for five in the 24th over.

Jyd Goolie made a run-a-ball 25 before retiring hurt, with Jakeem Pollard's 11 at number nine being the only other double-digit contributor. Jack finished with five for 42, while Mason Crane took three for 26.

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ABFA names squad for CONCACAF Nations League Play-In



A starting XI of the Antigua and Barbuda senior men's national team.

The Antigua and Barbuda Football Association (ABFA) has named a 24-man squad for the first leg of the Confederation of North, Central America, and Caribbean Association of Football (CONCACAF) Nations League A+C Play-In against Trinidad and Tobago.

The match will be played at Sir Viv Richards Stadium on Thursday, starting at 7 pm. The return leg follows on Monday, 16 November, at Hasely Crawford Stadium in Port of Spain, Trinidad, at 8 pm.

Host Antigua and Barbuda's senior Benna Boys qualified for the League C Championship and the League A+C Play-In after beating Aruba in a top-of-the-table clash to win Group B of League C in the 2026/27 Confederation of North, Central America, and Caribbean Association of Football (CONCACAF) Nations League in Antigua in September and October.

Substitute midfielder Brandon Satchell struck a late winner that allowed Antigua and Barbuda to snatch a 3-2 victory over Aruba in the final match of the three-team Group B of League C at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in North Sound on Tuesday, October 6.

Rodney Lawrence and Shakore Simon are the new faces in the squad, while forward Christopher Douglas is unavailable because of university commitments.

Douglas, who scored twice in the 5-0 group-stage win over Anguilla (the other team in Group B of League C), plays for Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee, which was selected on Tuesday for the 2026 NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Championship.

Keon Greene is also unavailable while he serves the remainder of a suspension from the group stage.

USL Championship side Birmingham Legion FC's Amir Daley, who captained the team in three of the four group-stage matches before pulling up with an injury, is fully fit again and returns to the squad.

The full Antigua and Barbuda squad includes goalkeepers Shahoi Dorsett and Zaieem Scott. Also selected are defenders Amir Daley, Leroy Graham, Quinton Griffith, Tyrik Hughes, Kylano Isaac, and Blaivon James.

The midfielders chosen are Dajari Barthley, Thomas James (TJ) Bramble, Vaughn Jackson Jr., Jahzino O'Garro, Dion Pereira, Daryl Massicott, and Sean Tomlinson.

Also selected are forwards D'Andre Bishop, Raheem Deterville, Kayonte George, Ashley Nathaniel-George, Kemoi Walsh, and Brandon Satchell. Completing the squad are Jayden Martin, Rodney Lawrence, and Shakore Simon.

The supporting staff comprises Head Coach Jacques Passy; assistant coaches Derrick "Pretty Boy" Edwards and Donavan Peart; goalkeeper coach Janiel "Beard" Simon; Manager Shaun George; physiotherapist Keston Daley; trainer William Richards; and equipment manager Jerry Aska.

Trinidad & Tobago earned their place in the CONCACAF Nations League Play-In by virtue of finishing in fifth place in Group A of League A.

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