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*Family photo of the CHOGM 26 volunteers at the Precision Centre where they attended Sunday morning worship to give thanks for a successful event*

# CHOGM's Benefits Go Beyond 'Dollars and Cents'



The benefits that accrue to Antigua and Barbuda from its hosting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) from November 1 – 4 will last for many years to come and cannot be measured in 'dollars and cents'.

That's the assessment coming from two Cabinet members, Tourism Minister, Charles Fernandez and Education Minister, Daryll Matthew, who were guests on Saturday's ***Browne and Browne*** show on Point Broadcasting Network.

Both ministers acknowledged that large sums of monies were spent upgrading and improving the country's road network and other facilities to accommodate the large influx of visitors, but they also emphasized the point that these projects will remain for the use of residents of Antigua and Barbuda long after the curtains have come down marking the end of the conference.

"I know there are some persons who would say 'CHOGM made you fix this road or that road', but while that may be true, at the same time it forced the government to prioritise some roads that were in urgent need of repairs anyway and I think it is a good start because the government was able to purchase additional equipment to ensure that the roadworks continue," Tourism Minister Fernandez stated.

According to Fernandez the issue of roadworks remains uppermost in the minds of the members of Cabinet as they receive weekly updates on the progress of the roadworks so far.

Minister Matthew took a deeper dive into the issue noting that when countries or major cities host major international events such as the Olympics or FIFA World Cup, there are usually huge investments, sometimes billions of dollars' worth, to improve road and rail networks and other infrastructure.

"One of the things that is built into hosting these major events is something that is called the ***legacy***. What is the legacy of the event? When you look London for example, when London hosted the Olympics, they built out low income areas, they built out the rail or train network, they built out shopping centres; in general, they built out the whole infrastructure to host the games. However, that infrastructure remains; these are the legacy projects. So it is not just about fixing roads for CHOGM, because the roads remain for our use long after the event," he declared.

He added that the roads had to be fixed as part of the overall improvement of downtown St. John's as well as the establishment of the National Performing Arts Centre which is a first-class facility for use by the creative industry to host major cultural events.

"These are things that will live on past the event!" he reiterated.

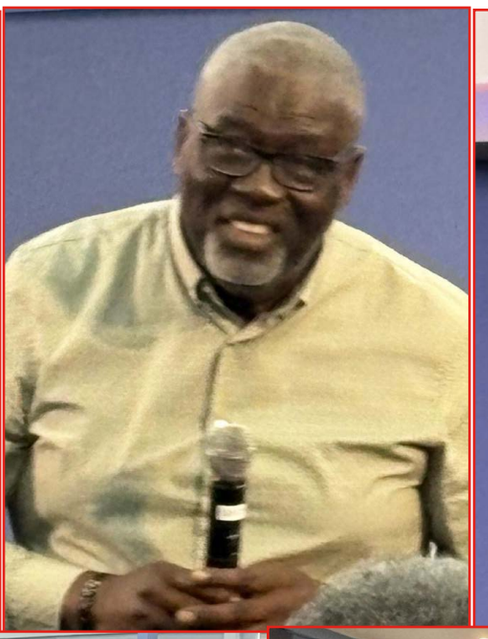
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# Local News



# CHOGM Volunteers Attend Service At Precision Centre











Scores of volunteers who participated in the events that formed part of the just-concluded Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) were warmly welcomed to be part of the Sunday morning worship service held at the Precision Centre at Paynters.

From Senior Elder, Wingrove Spencer, to the worship team and to the ushers, were welcomed with open arms at service attended by the volunteers along with CHOGM Lead for Volunteers, Anika Kentish and her management team as guests.

Delivering the message, was Jameel Lee, who in reflection on CHOGM 26, noted that he observed a heightened sense of national pride and accomplishment among Antigua and Barbuda nationals and residents for having hosted this large gathering of nations from across the globe.

"Over the past few weeks, Antigua and Barbuda has experienced a remarkable moment in its national history," he emphasised.

He noted that it has been stated that Antigua and Barbuda is the smallest nation ever to host this gathering. Despite its size, its limited resources, and the considerable logistical demands of an event of this magnitude, Antigua and Barbuda accomplished something significant.

"What struck me most, however, was not simply the successful exe-









cution of the meeting. It was what appeared to happen to us as a people. There was a palpable sense of pride. Volunteers, public officers, security personnel, hospitality workers, and ordinary citizens carried themselves with a renewed sense of responsibility and national identity," Lee declared.

Kentish, who expressed gratitude to the leadership and members of Precision Centre for hosting the volunteers, said it was important to give God thanks for all his mercies…prior to and during CHOGM.

"We as a leadership team went to church before CHOGM and now that CHOGM has been a success we extended an invitation to all volunteers to join us for Sunday morning worship service at the Precision Centre. We are grateful to Elder Spencer and the congregation at Precision Centre for opening their doors and welcoming us with open arms. It was a moving service that gave us an opportunity to reflect on 'faith' and to see how easy it is to take it for granted," she remarked.

She also expressed satisfaction with the turnout from both the management team and the volunteers. With an estimated 100 volunteers in attendance, Kentish said this was important as the plan is to maintain this level of camaraderie now and for future events.



# Minister Michael Joseph and Monroe University President Discuss Specialised Training for Health Professionals

The Minister for Health, who is also responsible for Public Service Affairs, Michael Joseph, has held discussions with the President of Monroe University, Mark Jerome, on opportunities for the university to provide specialised training and professional development for health professionals in Antigua and Barbuda.



The discussions focused on developing training programmes that respond directly to the country's evolving healthcare needs, while making it easier for local professionals to pursue advanced academic qualifications without having to spend extended periods overseas.

A key proposal involved a blended approach to training, whereby the academic and theoretical components of programmes would be delivered virtually, while the practical and clinical requirements would be undertaken in Antigua and Barbuda through concentrated periods of on-site instruction.

Both officials discussed the possibility of coordinating the clinical component with training activities at the Mount St. John's Medical Centre, allowing participants to complete the required practical experience within the local healthcare system.

Minister Joseph indicated that this approach would be particularly beneficial as Antigua and Barbuda prepares to expand its healthcare services and strengthen its laboratory capacity. He noted that the demand for laboratory services is already significant and is expected to increase considerably as the country moves towards the establishment of a public laboratory.

The discussions also addressed the need for specialised training in public health. The Minister identified several priority areas, including obesity, infant mortality and prenatal care, noting that the Ministry requires professionals with focused expertise who can help develop and implement targeted programmes and policies to address these challenges.

While several nurses within the public health system possess bachelor's degrees and some have pursued master's qualifications in public health, Minister Joseph explained that there is a need for more specialised training tailored to the specific requirements of Antigua and Barbuda.

In response, the Monroe University President expressed willingness to explore the development of a customised Master of Public Health programme, incorporating on-site training to address the country's identified needs.

President Jerome also highlighted the university's Caribbean and African faculty composition, which he said provides an important cultural understanding when delivering programmes in the region. He referenced Monroe University's experience partnering with a major healthcare workers' union in New York to provide training opportunities for approximately 1,000 adult learners across different levels of the healthcare sector, from entry-level workers seeking to advance into clinical roles to nurses pursuing graduate qualifications.

The discussions concluded with an understanding that the university's academic team would need to develop a programme structure that accommodates virtual delivery of theoretical courses and a coordinated local cohort for the clinical component.

The proposed collaboration represents an opportunity to strengthen the professional capacity of Antigua and Barbuda's healthcare workforce, expand access to specialised qualifications and develop local expertise in critical areas of public health and clinical services.

# Minister Baltimore Meets with Chinese Ambassador Jiang Wei on Blue Economy Cooperation

Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and the Blue Economy, Randy Baltimore, met with Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Antigua and Barbuda, Jiang Wei, for bilateral discussions on advancing initiatives in the country's emerging blue economy sector.

The meeting gave Minister Baltimore and Ambassador Jiang an opportunity to exchange views on how China could contribute to the sector's development. Marine spatial planning was a particular focus of the discussions, with both Minister Baltimore and Ambassador Jiang offering perspectives on the role China could play in supporting Antigua and Barbuda's work in this area.



The discussion on marine spatial planning formed part of the broader conversation on advancing the country's blue economy initiatives. Both sides highlighted the potential for cooperation in this area as Antigua and Barbuda continues to develop the sector.

Also taking part in the discussions were Director of the Blue Economy, Ann Louise Hill, Senior Operations and Policy Manager, Marver Woodley, and, Advisor. Dr. Adelle Blair, along with technical personnel from the Chinese Embassy.

During the meeting, Ambassador Jiang also reaffirmed China's continued support for Antigua and Barbuda, emphasising her country's commitment to the bilateral relationship.



# Indian Community in Antigua and Barbuda Celebrates Festival of Diwali




Members of the Indian diaspora in Antigua and Barbuda gathered on Saturday night to celebrate the Festival of Diwali, one of the important religious observances for the people of India.

Hosted by the Indian Friendly Association of Antigua and Barbuda, the festival was held at the Cortland's Hotel and it was attended by the Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams and Dame Sandra Williams, who joined the Indian community in celebrating this important event.

In his remarks, Sir Rodney noted that Diwali is a festival rich in meaning.

"The lighting of lamps reminds us of the enduring hope that light will overcome darkness, knowledge will overcome ignorance, and goodness will prevail. It also invites us to reflect on the values that strengthen our families and communities: compassion, generosity, unity and respect," he observed.

According to Sir Rodney, these values have a special place in Antigua and Barbuda, where people of different backgrounds and traditions live and work together, contributing to the shared national life.

"The Indian community has enriched our country through its enterprise, culture, service and enduring commitment to community. This evening's celebration is a joyful expression of that contribution, and of the friend-







ship that connects our peoples," he declared.

The head of state also expressed profound gratitude to the government and people of India for their support for Antigua and Barbuda's development. "That support reflects the value of strong partnerships and the possibilities that open when nations work together in friendship. I also wish to acknowledge the support of the Indian delegation that attended CHOGM here in Antigua and Barbuda. I had the pleasure of meeting members of the delegation and expressing my appreciation for their assistance," he acknowledged.

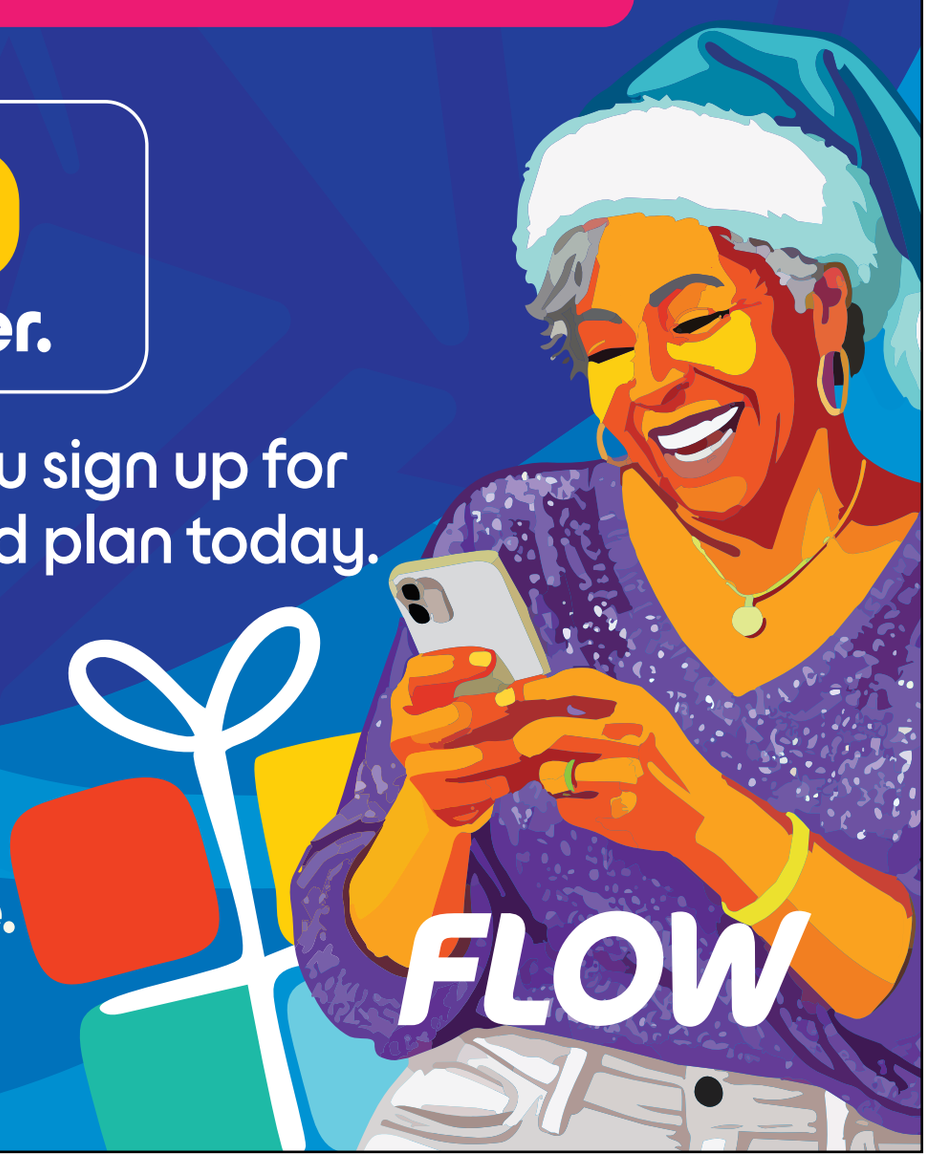
Those in attendance included Dr. Ravi Amarswamy, Bhanu Anantharaman, Mohan Rao, Amruta Rajput, Satyajit Behra, Vidya Satpute, Nikita Gangula, Abhishek Nadapally, Sanjay Adangale, Roland Noronha, Dr. Mamtha Anjappa, Dr. Chandana Bhargavi, Ashwini Bhatt, Raman Bala, Dr. Raj Jamula and De. Jamula.

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# Prime Minister Browne meets Antigua and Barbuda's Nominee for United Nations Secretary-General at COP31







Prime Minister Gaston Browne, has held discussions with Her Excellency María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, the country's nominee for the position of Secretary-General of the United Nations, during the 31st United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP31) in Antalya, Türkiye.

The meeting provided an opportunity for Prime Minister Browne to engage with the distinguished Ecuadorian diplomat, whose nomination by Antigua and Barbuda represents the country's commitment to advancing experienced and capable leadership within the United Nations system.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda formally nominated Espinosa on May 11, 2026, recognising her extensive diplomatic experience, distinguished record of international public service and longstanding commitment to multilateralism and global cooperation.

Espinosa previously served as President of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly, becoming only the fourth woman in the organisation's history to hold that prestigious position. She has also served as Ecuador's Minister for Foreign Affairs and held senior responsibilities in international diplomacy, environmental governance and sustainable development.

Her experience in international affairs, particularly in addressing the challenges confronting developing countries, aligns closely with Antigua and Barbuda's longstanding advocacy for a more inclusive, representative and responsive United Nations.

The engagement at COP31 was particularly significant given Espinosa's involvement in international efforts to address climate change, environmental sustainability and the development priorities of vulnerable nations.

Prime Minister Browne has consistently emphasised the need for strong and effective multilateral leadership capable of responding to the increasingly complex challenges facing the international community, including climate change, geopolitical tensions, sustainable development and global economic inequality.

Antigua and Barbuda's nomination of Espinosa also reflects the country's support for greater gender representation in international leadership, particularly at the highest levels of the United Nations.

Since its establishment in 1945, the United Nations has never been led by a woman Secretary-General, making the forthcoming selection process an important opportunity to advance gender equality within the organisation's leadership.

The meeting between Prime Minister Browne and Espinosa formed part of the Prime Minister's broader diplomatic engagements on the margins of COP31, where he continues to advocate for stronger international cooperation, meaningful climate action and greater representation of Small Island Developing States in global decision-making.

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# Royals tour local artistic talent with Halo





Governor General Sir Rodney Williams, and Dame Sandra Williams warmly welcomed Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla to Government House during the couple's recent visit to Antigua and Barbuda.

The tour of the newly renovated building commenced with a specially curated art exhibition showcasing the creativity and artistic expression of local talent.



The exhibition, thoughtfully prepared for the Royal Visit, featured an impressive collection of artwork produced by participants of the Halo Foundation's annual Christmas Art Competition and its subsequent Art Training and Development Programme, conducted in partnership with the prestigious Royal Drawing School in the United Kingdom and the Jumby Bay Fund.

Now in its fifth year, the programme has continued to attract teachers, students, artists and art enthusiasts from across the nation. Over the years, the initiative has played a significant role in nurturing artistic talent, strengthening creative skills and creating a greater awareness and appreciation of the visual arts within the nation.

During the exhibition tour, led by the Halo Foundation's Public Relations Officer, Cuthbert Forbes, Their Majesties were given a first-hand look at the remarkable artistic growth and transformation of the programme's participants. The carefully selected pieces demonstrated the evolution of creative abilities, with particular emphasis on the exploration of new techniques, mediums and materials, many of which participants had encountered for the very first time through the training programme.

The exhibition also told a compelling story of artistic discovery, perseverance and personal development, illustrating how access to professional instruction, mentorship and creative resources can empower individuals to push beyond their perceived limitations and elevate their artistic expression.

At the conclusion of the exhibition tour, His Majesty The King expressed his appreciation to the team for the wonderful presentation, particularly commending the thoughtful storytelling and the manner in which the individual pieces had been connected to create a cohesive and meaningful narrative.

The Royal Visit marked a proud and memorable milestone for the Halo Foundation and the participating artists, providing an extraordinary platform for local creativity to be celebrated and appreciated at the highest level.

For the Halo Foundation, the occasion served as a powerful affirmation of its continued commitment to youth development, education, cultural preservation and the advancement of the creative arts.

# American Airlines to Host Aviation & Tourism Career Expo in Antigua and Barbuda

American Airlines, through its Caribbean Team Member Resource Group, is spearheading an exciting initiative aimed at inspiring the next generation of aviation and tourism professionals, with the hosting of the Aviation & Tourism Expo 2026 on Tuesday, November 17, at The University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus.




Under the theme *"Your Future Takes Flight,"* the Expo will provide approximately 250 secondary school students with firsthand exposure to the diverse career opportunities available in aviation, tourism, technology and related industries.

The initiative is being undertaken by a volunteer team of American Airlines employees, primarily Caribbean nationals and individuals of Caribbean heritage based in New York and Miami, with support from the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, British Airways, the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority and the Live and Give Foundation.

The Expo, scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., will feature interactive career exploration zones, hands-on demonstrations, and direct engagement with aviation professionals, including pilots, engineers, cabin crew, airport operations personnel and other industry specialists.

Students will explore career pathways through four dedicated zones: Aviation Discovery, Tourism Careers and Destination Development, STEM and Innovation, and Leadership and Community Impact. Activities will include flight simulator experiences, technology demonstrations, professional networking and discussions on emerging opportunities within the global aviation and tourism industries.

Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Transportation and Investment, the H. Charles Fernandez, has welcomed the American Airlines initiative, describing it as a meaningful investment in the future of Antigua and Barbuda's young people.

"As we continue to invest in modernizing our aviation infrastructure, expanding international air connectivity and strengthening our tourism industry, we must be equally committed to developing the human capital required to sustain these advancements," Minister Fernandez stated.

The visiting American Airlines volunteer delegation will also undertake a community outreach initiative on Wednesday, November 18, distributing educational supplies to students at Jennings Primary and Jennings Secondary Schools, along with a visit to Cedar Grove Primary School.

The outreach will include special recognition for selected outstanding students and educators, celebrating academic achievement, dedication and excellence in education.

Similar American Airlines-led career exposure initiatives have previously been held in Jamaica and Barbados, reflecting the volunteer team's continued commitment to inspiring Caribbean youth and expanding awareness of opportunities within the aviation industry.



# 46- Year Man Dies After Falling From A Tree

Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the sudden death of 46-year-old Timothy Henry Crump of Cashew Hill.

At approximately 2:50 p.m. on Saturday, November 14, police received a report that Crump had fallen from a tree and was unresponsive. Officers responding to the scene, found him lying motionless beneath an ackee tree.

He was pronounced dead at 4:33 p.m. by a medical doctor.

A post-mortem examination is expected to be conducted to determine the cause of death.

The Police Administration extends sincere condolences to Crump's family and loved ones during this difficult time.





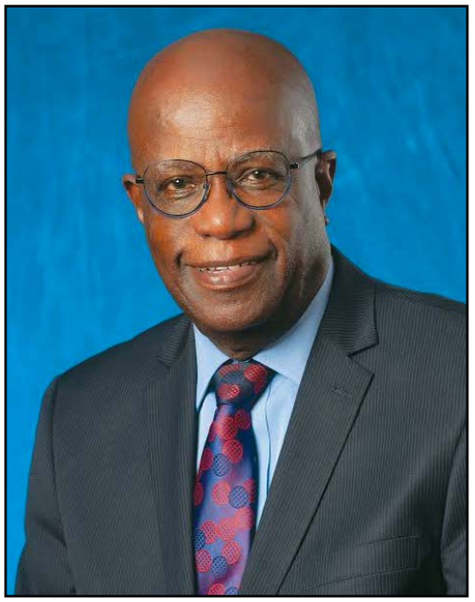


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# MIA: A voice crying in the coming wilderness






***In Antalya, Mia Mottley told the world it had not tried hard enough. The harder question is who was there to hear her***

**By Julian Rogers**

Five years ago in Glasgow, Mia Mottley told the world that 1.5 degrees was what small islands needed to survive, and she asked it to try harder. On November 11 in Antalya, at the leaders' summit of COP31, she came back with the verdict. "We did not try hard enough."

It took her under seven minutes. There was no theatre, only the level delivery of someone reading out the findings of an inquest. I have listened to Caribbean leaders at the world's podiums for decades, and I cannot recall one who has made so few words carry so much weight so often.

The Gospel writers borrowed from Isaiah to describe John the Baptist as a voice crying in the wilderness. Mottley's case is stranger, because her wilderness has not fully arrived. It is on its way, at 2.6 degrees of warming if every pledge is kept, she said, citing the United Nations, and at 2.8 degrees on present policies.

There is a second meaning in her name. In the soldier's shorthand, MIA is missing in action. Both meanings were in that hall.

The new word in the climate vocabulary is overshoot, the polite admission that the world will pass 1.5 degrees and hope to find its way back. Mottley refused the comfort in it. "Overshoot is not a new target," she said. It is a debt of heat borrowed against our children, and debts are repaid. Every five years of delay lifts the peak by another tenth of a degree, she warned, and a tenth of a degree is a coral reef, a harvest, a village.

What separates Mottley from the merely eloquent is that her sermon always arrives with a term sheet. She asked for cheaper money before disaster rather than after it, and a loss and damage fund capitalised with grants, because a fund without money

is a monument and not a mechanism. She asked for a disaster pause clause in every loan, the remedy Barbados pioneered, to end what she called injustice with an interest rate. She asked the development banks to take the first loss, so that capital stops costing vulnerable countries two and three times what it costs the North. And she asked for methane to be cut by nearly half by 2030, the fastest brake we have.

Then came the sentence the hall should have found hardest to sit through. "Pledges are not payments." Even the pledges, she said, are running 70 per cent below previous levels, and the applause in rooms like that one has never rebuilt a single home.

Here is the other MIA. The money is missing. The urgency is missing. The United States, the largest historical emitter, has walked out of the Paris Agreement altogether. Those who built the problem attend, applaud and depart, and the bill is posted to Kingston, Kathmandu and Bridgetown.

Mottley has drawn her own conclusion. In Glasgow she spoke to governments. In Antalya she turned to citizens, who have no vote in the hall but do have a voice. On behalf of the V20 she called for a global movement, 1.5 billion voices for 1.5 degrees, to be assembled before COP32 next year. Ask your parliament where it stands, she said, and ask your pension fund where your money goes. It is an admission that the summit system will not deliver on its own, and that prophets need congregations.

So what is CARICOM's duty? We in the Caribbean have a habit of treating Mia Mottley as an export. We admire her on the world stage, we quote her in our newspapers, and then we leave her to carry the argument alone. Her own line applies at home, because our applause has rebuilt nothing either.

The duty begins with our leaders. Every CARICOM head of government should stand behind the V20 agenda by name and in their own parliament, not through a communiqué. Every finance minister should insist on a disaster clause in every new loan the region signs, and the Caribbean Development Bank should make that the regional norm.

It continues with our money. National insurance schemes, credit unions and pension trustees hold the savings of Caribbean people, and their members are entitled to ask what those savings are building.

And it ends with our voices. There are fewer than twenty million of us in the Community, so we cannot supply 1.5 billion of anything. But this region has always given the world more voice than its numbers warrant, through its calypsonians and reggae artists, its cricketers, its churches, its teachers and its diaspora. We have twelve months to COP32.

Isaiah's voice in the wilderness was never a lament. It was an instruction, prepare the way. Mia has cried out. The only question worth asking in the Caribbean now is whether we will be counted among the 1.5 billion, or among the missing.

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# The Safety Lesson in Barbuda Must Make It All the Way Home




***By Douglas Vandergraph***

Picture a child coming home from school in Barbuda and asking a question the adults have quietly avoided: if a major storm comes tonight, where will we meet? It is not a challenge to a parent's authority. It is a sign that the child has begun to understand what preparation really means. The next question belongs to the adults: will we turn that moment of learning into a family plan?

From 6 to 10 April 2026, 49 students at Holy Trinity School took part in an Easter School Safety Camp led by Antigua and Barbuda's Ministry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries with UNICEF support. UNICEF reported that the programme used practical, child-friendly activities to teach about hurricanes, earthquakes and floods. One participant described feeling less frightened because they knew what to do. That is a powerful result, and it raises a worthwhile question about what happens after the camp ends.

A safety lesson should travel beyond the school gate, but a child should never be made responsible for an entire household's survival. Adults must carry the real burden of preparation. Families can begin with a short conversation: what is our safest place, whose instructions do we trust, where are important medicines and papers, and who will check on a person who cannot move quickly? The answers should fit the family's actual home, available transport and resources. A list that assumes every household owns a car or has spare money is not an inclusive plan.

Barbuda's experience gives particular weight to this responsibility. Islanders know that disaster preparation cannot be reduced to a colourful poster. Trusted information must survive changes in weather, internet access, electricity and routine. Teachers can help students bring

home simple prompts. Community leaders can help caregivers find official guidance. Public agencies can publish clear, accessible instructions and explain any changes. Churches and neighbourhood groups can help reach people who miss the usual meetings without pretending to replace trained emergency workers.

There is another lesson worth preserving: children need a voice in the design of safety education. They can say which instructions are difficult to understand, which practice drills frighten them and which safe places seem inaccessible to a friend with a disability. A good programme listens without forcing children to disclose private family difficulties. It also respects the reality that some students care for younger siblings or live in multigenerational homes where a single adult cannot easily carry everyone to safety.

A useful next step would be a simple, voluntary household preparedness conversation, followed by a community practice day. Families could check emergency contact information, identify official shelter routes and ask about transport limitations. Organisers could invite feedback from grandparents, parents, people with disabilities and people living farther from central services. The purpose would not be to collect impressive attendance numbers. It would be to discover what remains confusing before the next warning sounds.

My faith shapes my understanding of this work. Jesus' teaching about building on a firm foundation in Matthew 7 is often applied to personal belief. I also hear in it a challenge to put what we know into practice. A child who learns a safety skill has been given a beginning. Adults who listen, organise and remove obstacles give that beginning a foundation. Neighbours of every religion, and of none, can share that commitment to protecting life.

The Barbuda camp should be celebrated for the confidence it helped young people build. Its deeper success will come when a child can return home and find that adults are prepared to answer with a plan, not merely reassurance. Safety is not the ability to recite a lesson. It is the quiet knowledge that when danger approaches, no family has been forgotten in the preparation.

Research context: https://www.unicef.org/easterncaribbean/stories/children-barbuda-build-life-saving-skills-through-school-safety-camp

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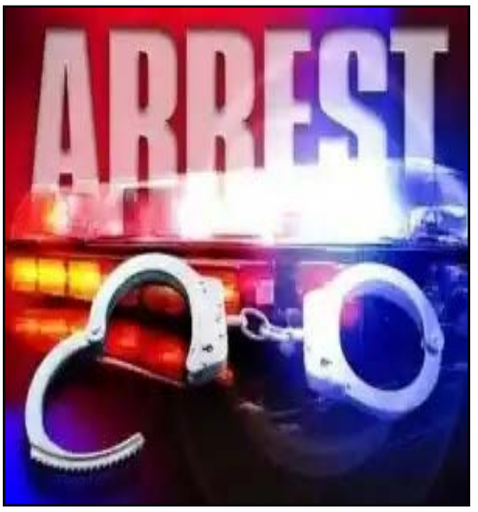
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# Jamaican man wanted by police nabbed in Trinidad




A 60-year-old Jamaican man wanted in connection with several serious offences in Jamaica has been arrested in Trinidad and Tobago following the issuance of an Interpol Red Notice.

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) said in a statement on Wednesday that officers from the Criminal Investigation Department, Criminal Records Office, Immigration Investigations Unit and Anti-Kidnapping Unit conducted an operation between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm on Tuesday.

During the operation, officers went to a location on Cumuto Road, Barrackpore, where they arrested Dockery Courtney Radcliffe, who was the subject of the Red Notice.

Radcliffe is wanted in Jamaica on charges of robbery with aggravation, rape, grievous sexual assault and abduction.

He remains in police custody and is expected to be processed by the Immigration Enforcement Unit as extradition proceedings are pursued.

An Interpol Red Notice is a request to law enforcement agencies worldwide to locate and provisionally arrest a person pending extradition, surrender or similar legal action. (CMC)

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# Regional News



## UN warns intensified clashes putting people at increased risk in Haiti

The United Nations on Friday warned that intensified clashes are putting people in Haiti at growing risk, particularly in densely populated neighbourhoods of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

"Since mid-October, violence in the commune of Croix-des-Bouquets, in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area, has displaced around 2,000 people, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM)," said Farhan Haq, the UN deputy spokesman for the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres.

He told the daily UN press briefing that nearly 90 per cent of people in Haiti are staying with host families, while the rest have sought shelter at five spontaneous sites.

He said between January and September 2026, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights estimates that 4,200 people have been killed in violence and some 1.5 million people remain displaced across the country.

"The violence is hindering our ability to coordinate safe humanitarian operations and curtailing our access, making it harder to reach people in need. We call for communities to be protected and to be able to access health facilities, schools and other essential services," Haq told reporters.

Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven (G7) countries have also called on the international community to support the strengthening of the Haitian National Police and the Armed Forces of Haiti, the rule of law, and the fight against impunity.

"Furthermore, we urged all security actors present in Haiti to prioritise the protection of Haitian civilians in all of their security operations," they said in a joint statement, adding that they also "remain deeply concerned by the ongoing humanitarian crisis, widespread violence, and reports of human rights violations in Haiti.



"We have urged the international community to increase its financial contributions to the United Nations trust fund, as the success of the UN-mandated hybrid mission depends on sustained multilateral support to fund its operations. We have called on the international community to provide essential support for humanitarian aid in Haiti, in order to address the multiple crises facing the Haitian people."

Criminal gangs in Haiti have been seeking to destabilise the French-speaking Caribbean Community (Caricom) country since the assassination of President Jovenel Moise in July 2021. (CMC)

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# Two more bodies recovered from boat collision in Trinidad waters




Search teams have recovered two more bodies, bringing the number of people confirmed dead to four following last Sunday's boating accident off the north-western peninsula in Trinidad.

Authorities said two more people remain unaccounted for and that the search and rescue operation is continuing.

Police said that the body of 17-year-old Kayana Seachan had been recovered after a body had been discovered earlier by search parties on Friday.

Police had named the missing individuals as Anil Ahyee, Keiyana Seechan, Ameer Mohammed, 18; Lorenzo Oliver, 35; Titus Augustine, 25; and Jaheem Richards, 25.Now the authorities say they are still searching for Mohammed and Oliver.

Head of the Hunter's Search and Rescue Team, Captain Valens Rambarat, told reporters Friday that the bodies had been found by the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard.

He said that the discovery of the bodies "will bring closure".

Earlier, in a brief statement, the Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard (TTCG) said that it wanted to assure the public that "search and rescue operations remain ongoing with every effort being made to locate the individuals who remain unaccounted for".

According to preliminary police reports, the collision involved a 28-foot Bowen pleasure craft named BAMBALEO and a 29-foot Chantelle vessel named BELBAGAI.

The police said that the BAMBALEO was travelling in an easterly direction when it collided with the BELBAGAI, which was heading west and that the impact caused extensive damage to both vessels and sent several passengers into the sea.

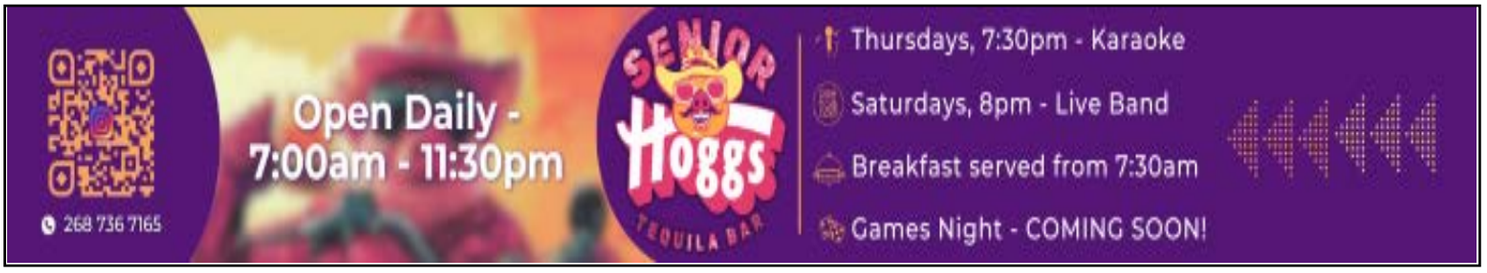
The BELBAGAI subsequently sank, and the police said nine people from that vessel were brought ashore, while six others required medical attention.

A police spokesman said that the BAMBALEO was carrying 18 people, while the BELBAGAI had 19 people aboard when the vessels collided. He confirmed that all 18 people aboard the BAMBALEO were reported safe.

On Wednesday, Police Commissioner Allister Guevarro said he wanted to assure the families and the general public "that the investigation is being undertaken and will be thorough and will examine all the evidence which we obtained.

"With that in mind, I'm asking all persons who have any information as it relates to this horrible accident to come forward."

"I also want to urge the public to allow the respective agencies to do their jobs and allow the fact-finding process to take its course," he said, adding, "as this matter is currently an active investigation, I will not be divulging any further details as it relates to the investigation, Guevarro said. (CMC)



# Death threats reported by owners of boat involved in collision

THE owners of a vessel involved in last Sunday's maritime collision in the Gulf of Paria that claimed the lives of six people are now facing serious death threats, attorney Faris Al-Rawi has said.

Al-Rawi, , during a media conference at his Oxford Street, Port of Spain, law office on Saturday, said the threats have since been reported to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS).

"There are very serious death threats that are prevailing right now, which have been made and which have been reported to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service," he stated.

The collision between the pleasure craft Bambaléo and the 29-foot Belgagai occurred at about 6.21 p.m. on November 8.

Al-Rawi said the death threats were one of the reasons his clients were not present at the media briefing.

"There is a significant amount of conversation going on," he said, adding that there was also a "very large social media conversation" surrounding the incident.

He said that conversation had become "very skewed", although he acknowledged that the lack of information in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy had contributed to speculation.

The lawyer urged caution, stressing that the collision remained under investigation and that his role as an attorney prevented him from discussing the circumstances of the incident in a manner that could prejudice any future proceedings.




He said his clients had been cooperating fully with law enforcement and wanted a proper investigation to determine what happened.

According to Al-Rawi, his clients had provided multiple statements to the TTPS and handed over GPS information and GPS devices.

He said the information could provide investigators with scientific data on the vessels' speed, distance and direction "minute-by-minute" and "moment-by-moment" before the collision.

Al-Rawi said investigations could involve the TTPS, the Maritime Division and potentially inquiries under the Coroners Act and Shipping Act.

He said his clients also wanted to express their condolences to the families of those who died.

The six victims were identified as Anil Ahyee, Titus Augustine, Amir Mohammed, Kieyanna Seechan, Jaheem Richards and Lorenzo Oliver.

Al-Rawi noted that Seechan was 17 and Mohammed was 18, describing the loss of a child as an extremely painful experience for any parent. (Trinidad Express)



# Thousands of flights cancelled as airlines work to dig out from nationwide ground stop



Airlines across the United States worked to recover from the longest nationwide ground stop in 25 years that cancelled more than 2,500 flights Saturday, spread ripple effects around the world, stranded passengers and forced pro and college sports teams to scramble for alternate transportation.

New technology being added to the nation's air traffic control system overloaded antiquated equipment and caused "intermittent" communications and radar gaps, leading to the flight shutdown of more than four hours, Trump administration officials said.

Airports were slowly returning to normal, Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy said, with planes taking flight and landing.

But the effects could be felt for days, with officials saying the system would likely return to normal in time to handle the Thanksgiving travel rush.

The nationwide stop was the first since January 2023, when another key Federal Aviation Administration computer system that sends notices to pilots malfunctioned, and the second since the September 11, 2001, attacks.

Andrew Charlton, an aviation consultant, said the stoppage on Friday had affected about a quarter of the 45,000 flights in the US each day.

"The knock-on effect of that is incredible," said Charlton, managing director of Aviation Advocacy.

"The aircraft doesn't just fly from A to B and back to B and then stop. It then moves onto C and then over to E and around and around and around. It is, of course, exacerbated if you're talking about long-haul flights, international flights over the Atlantic or over the Pacific."

At airports across the US, passengers stared at screens showing delays or rushed to find buses or trains to their destinations.

More than 2,500 flights were canceled in the US Saturday and hundreds more were delayed, according to FlightAware, a website that tracks flight disruptions.

Secretary of Homeland Security Markwayne Mullin told reporters at the White House that no one was in any danger as more than 3,000 flights in the air at the time of the grounding order landed safely Friday.

Duffy blamed Congress for failing to approve more funding for new technology, while downplaying the fact that trying to implement new fixes overtaxed the system. He suggested more disruptions might occur.

"We didn't think we would have this kind of outage. We did," he said. "We were able to review what went wrong, and then reboot the system and go. But, you will have more of these."

Duffy said the failure Friday involved old equipment and was not linked to the FAA's new AI-powered system, which the agency is rolling out to help predict problems in the sky.

The problem was due to updating a system that can never shut down, Charlton said.

"What you're watching here is trying to change the tires of your car when the car's going at 80 miles an hour down the expressway, because nothing stops in aviation," Charlton said. "It's a 24/7 operation. And to make changes on the fly, if you'll pardon that pun, is incredibly complex and dangerous."

The FAA has already replaced thousands of old copper wires with fiber optic lines and upgraded hundreds of radio systems as part of the overhaul that began last year after Congress approved $12.5 billion of funding.

Duffy and the White House are pushing for $30 billion more to complete the work. (AP)

# All passengers and crew on New Orleans cruise ship survive crash with tanker on Mississippi River

A tanker in New Orleans that apparently lost its steering slammed into a docked river cruise boat with 180 people aboard Friday, the mayor said.

All aboard survived after the crash prompted a massive rescue operation for passengers and crew who plunged into the Mississippi River as the ship took on water and began to topple over.

Video from the scene showed the much larger Atlantic Asphalt tanker hit the American Heritage cruise boat while it was docked as metal and glass crashed and crunched.

Tugboat operators, nearby workers, police and other rescuers rushed to help.

"We have zero people unaccounted for, which truly is a miracle on the Mississippi," New Orleans Mayor Helena Moreno said at a news conference as rescuers and others cheered.

The mayor said 32 people were taken to the hospital, but none of them had critical injuries.

The boat started listing within minutes and flipped while emergency workers were still trying to get everyone off the ship.

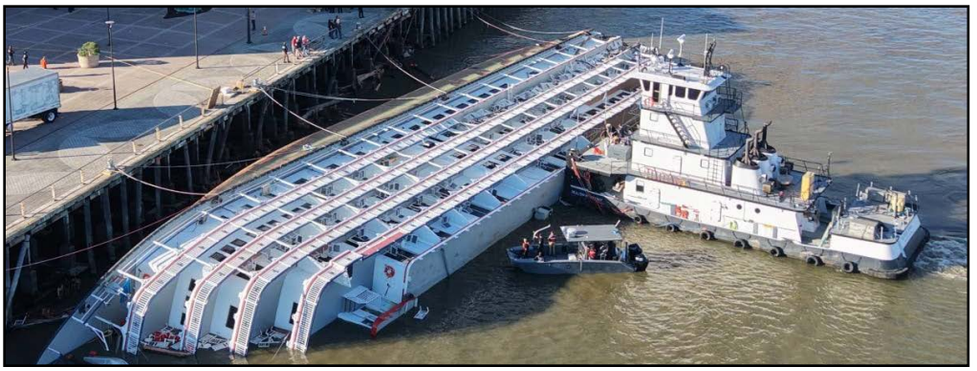
Dozens of people on board and at least two police officers were dragged from the 66-degree Fahrenheit (19-degree Celsius) river onto nearby ships.

Devon Flanagan was at his job nearby at the Port of New Orleans when workers rushed down the dock. He got out of his truck and saw the ship on its side and passengers in the water.

"It was just chaos," he said. "You had all types of ships, like other barges and other companies down there trying to help out, which also was a little convoluted because you had people still in the water."

It appeared the tanker seemed to have "some type of loss of steering," but the exact cause of the crash was unknown, Coast Guard Captain Melanie Burnham said.

The National Transportation Safety Board planned to investigate the crash,



but members were initially unable to make it to New Orleans because all flights nationwide were grounded due to communications problems at regional air traffic control centres.

The people who weren't injured were brought to a nearby auditorium, and cruise officials did a roll call to make sure everyone was accounted for, Moreno said. (AP)



# US and Mexico risk losing measles-free status



International health experts are meeting this week to determine if the United States and Mexico have forfeited one of their greatest public health victories – the elimination of measles.

Measles is one of the most contagious diseases known to medicine, but vaccines had safely stopped the virus' spread in the US for 30 years. Over those decades, measles had become a medical rarity in the US, with deaths from the disease virtually unheard of. But in the past two years, large outbreaks have hit multiple states, spawning thousands of illnesses, including about a dozen deaths.

Experts expect that the meeting, convened by the Pan American Health Organization, or PAHO, will show that measles has officially returned to the US and Mexico, that the virus is now continually spreading within the nations' borders.

"It's a big deal. The decision represents us moving backward," said Dr David Margolius, director of Cleveland's health department and a leader in a coalition of big US city health departments.

In a closed-door meeting this week, a PAHO advisory commission is looking at genetic evidence to determine if the same measles virus has been spreading for one year or more in the outbreaks that have torn through North America starting in 2024.

"It's solely based on genetics," said Dr Amesh Adalja, an infectious disease doctor in the Pittsburgh area and a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

If so, the commission will say the country can no longer be considered to have eliminated measles, meaning a return to sustained circulation of the virus. Last year, PAHO stripped Canada of the measles-free designation it had had since 1998.

The commission will present its determination to PAHO Director Dr Jarbas Barbosa, a former Brazilian health official, who makes the final determination. An announcement of the findings is being scheduled for next week, PAHO officials said.

A PAHO decision to strip the US of its measles elimination status will not change how federal health officials are addressing outbreaks, CDC Director Erica Schwartz said this week.

"The measles elimination designation is not what protects Americans. Vaccination does. We know where transmission is occurring and we're working with state and local health departments to reach those communities. Losing a designation doesn't mean we abandon an evidence-based approach. It means we remain focused on stopping outbreaks," she said in the statement.

But many public health experts say such an occasion demands a stepped-up, full-throated campaign to promote vaccinations and provide more advice to doctors. They fault what they say is a politically fraught, muted federal response, and blame US Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who was a leading voice in the anti-vaccine movement before President Donald Trump put him in charge of the nation's health agencies.

Kennedy has moved to downsize the childhood vaccination schedule, reshape a key vaccine advisory board, and laud Trump's executive order calling for spacing out the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine. Such a move runs counter to medical groups' recommendations, and likely would

result in fewer children getting fully vaccinated, experts say.

Measles typically begins with a high fever followed by a telltale rash that starts on the face and neck. Most people recover, but it's one of the leading causes of death among young children, according to the World Health Organization. Serious complications, including blindness and swelling of the brain, are more common in young children and adults older than 30.

The US achieved measles elimination status in 2000, after decades of vaccination campaigns brought the childhood measles vaccination rate to above 97 per cent. Health experts say a 95 per cent vaccination rate is needed so that when an infected traveller enters a community, so many people are vaccinated that it will not spark an outbreak.

But US vaccination rates have been slipping for years, in part because of disproven claims that the vaccine can cause autism. Trump claimed earlier this year, without evidence, that the MMR vaccine – which is credited with saving millions of lives globally – is possibly "quite lethal." Last year, the childhood vaccination rate fell to about 92 per cent nationally, and was much lower in certain states and certain communities.

Measles exploded last year in large outbreaks in Texas, Arizona, Utah and South Carolina. And the more than 5,400 confirmed cases so far this year are already double the 2025 tally, driven largely by an outbreak in Pennsylvania that has dwarfed the earlier ones. It is the worst year for measles illnesses since 1991.

The US has now seen nine measles-associated deaths this year, counting the death of a child reported Friday by Wisconsin health officials. The national measles death count is higher than that has been seen in any previous year in more than three decades.

A measles vaccine did not become available in Mexico until years after a measles vaccine was first licensed – in 1963, in the US – and the US started giving shots. Mexico did not achieve measles elimination status until 2016.

Cases began surging in Mexico early last year. Researchers think an outbreak in the northern border state of Chihuahua stemmed from an unvaccinated Mennonite child from that Mexican state who travelled to Gaines County, Texas, where an outbreak was occurring, and came back infected.

As of this week, more than 20,500 confirmed cases have been reported across the nation. Fifty measles-related deaths have been reported, most of them children younger than five years old.

The issue has not been confined to North America. Early this year, the World Health Organization confirmed that Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Spain, the United Kingdom and Uzbekistan lost their status. (AP)



# Three men sentenced to death in Jordan over fatal church mass shooting



A Jordanian court has sentenced three men to death by hanging for carrying out a fatal mass shooting on a church last month.

The attack on 23 October killed nine people and injured 34 others who had been attending a Christian funeral at a Greek Orthodox church in Karak governorate.

Jordan's Armed Forces said in a statement on Sunday that the men had been convicted of committing "terrorist acts", as well as possessing weapons, "promoting the ideas of a terrorist organisation" and "conspiracy to commit terrorist acts".

The three men - two Jordanian brothers and their brother-in-law - fled the scene of the attack and were arrested three days later. They have not been publicly identified.

Karak is home to a sizeable Christian community in the Muslim-majority kingdom.

CCTV footage from the day of the attack showed three men holding guns approaching and firing on St George's church in the village of Hmoud.

A second video showed dead and wounded people lying on the ground amid chaotic scenes at the church.

It is still unclear why the attackers chose to target that specific church.

Shortly after the attack, Jordan's King Abdullah II wrote on X: "The terrorist attack against Karak will be met with the harshest retaliation.

"Those who delude themselves into thinking that they can divide Jordanians with their bullets have no chance in the face of our unity."

The three men fled the scene of the shooting and were later located inside an abandoned house in Karak governorate, south of the capital, Amman.

They refused to surrender and opened fire on security forces, who returned fire and wounded all three of them, the Public Security Directorate said at the time. No security personnel were hurt in the shootout.

King Abdullah praised security forces for chasing the suspects "to the very end".

The week after the Karak shooting, Jordan struck what its military said were "terrorist organisations" in Syria in retaliation to the church attack.

Syrian health officials told state media that five people, including women, children and an elderly man, were killed in the strike on a village in the southern Daraa province. Jordan said its fighter jets had killed and wounded "several terrorists" without giving further details.

Jordan said it had co-ordinated with the Syrian government, but Syria said it had not been notified in advance.

Executions in Jordan are carried out by hanging. The kingdom previously observed an unofficial ban on executions from 2006 to 2014, and another pause from 2017 until June this year. (BBC)


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# Quashie propels AGHS to more success in school girls U-20 league

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

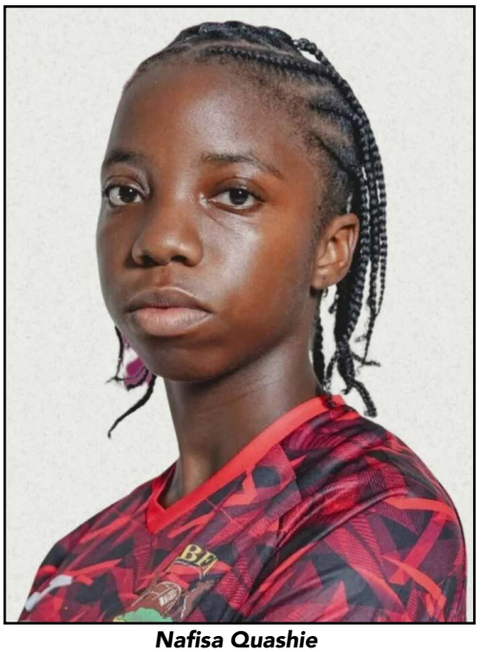
After scoring 18 goals to lead her team to victory in their previous three matches, Quashie scored another four goals to propel the Antigua Girls High School (AGHS) to their fourth win in as many games with a 7-1 drubbing of Pares Secondary School (PSS) at the ABFA Technical Center on Friday.

Quashie had conversions in the 10th, 36th, 37th, and 40th minutes. Blessings Creese struck twice with conversions in the 49th and 51st minutes, while the other goal for the AGHS was scored by Na'Jireh Wijnaldum in the 42nd minute.

Keitonya Skepple scored a consolation goal in the 44th minute for Pares Secondary School, which remains on three points after crashing to their second defeat in three matches.

Princess Margaret School (PMS) maintained their successful start in defense of their Girls Under-20 Division title.

Princess Margaret School made it three wins in as many games after being awarded a 3-0 victory via default against Clare Hall Secondary School (CHSS), which failed to show up for their encounter at the St. Anthony's Secondary School's playing field.



*Nafisa Quashie*

The Clare Hall Secondary School remains on six points after losing for the second time in four matches.

Mia Lake scored five goals as the Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies (ABCAS) maintained their perfect start, claiming their third win in as many games with a 7-0 drubbing of St. Anthony's Secondary School (SASS) at the St. Anthony's Secondary School's playing field.

Lake had conversions in the sixth, 11th, 13th, 22nd, and 59th minutes, while the other goals for ABCAS were scored by Sanique Levy in the 55th minute and Allyssa Laviscount in the 64th minute.

The result means that St. Anthony's Secondary School remains on four points after crashing to their second successive defeat in four matches.

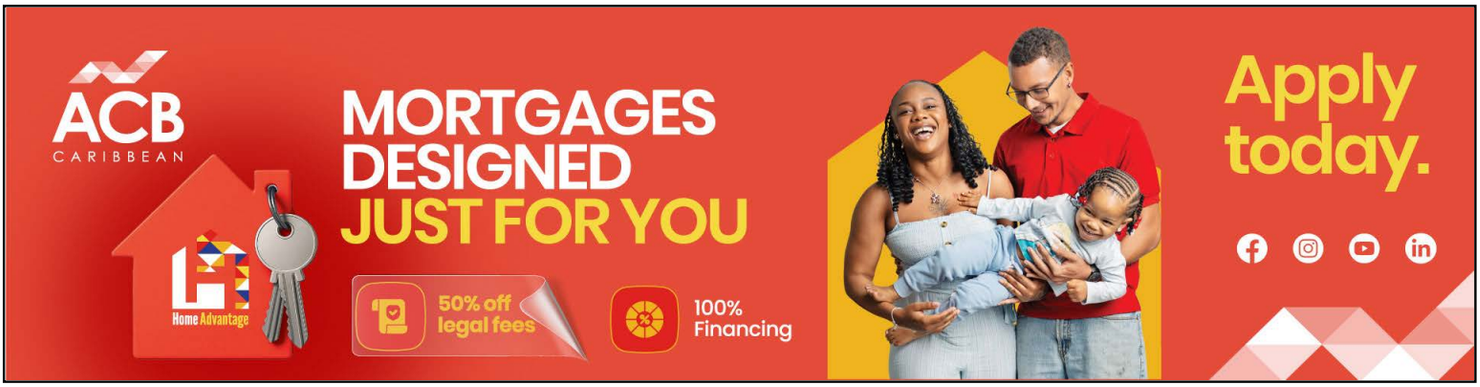
Jennings Secondary School advanced to four points after picking up their first win in four matches by pulling off a 3-1 victory over All Saints Secondary School at the Golden Grove playing field.

Esther Cruz-Hunte had a double conversion with strikes in the fifth and seventh minute, and teammate Latoya Williams gave Jennings Secondary School a three-nil advantage with a goal in the 10th minute.

Keitha Martin scored a consolation goal in the 30th minute to reduce the deficit for All Saints Secondary School, which remains on three points after suffering their third successive loss in four matches.

After losing their previous two matches, the Ottos Comprehensive School (OCS) picked up their first win by surging to a 3-0 victory over St. Mary's Secondary School (SMSS) in their bottom-of-the-table clash at the Golden Grove playing field.

Diandre Batchelor scored twice for OCS with goals in the seventh and 14th minutes after teammate Fre-niah Ireland opened the scoring with a third-minute conversion as SMSS tumbled to their fourth loss in as many encounters.



# Bendals maintain unbeaten start in ABFA's Second Division

Bendals FC maintained their unbeaten start in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division League on Friday.

Bendals FC advanced to 10 points after claiming their third win in four matches by snatching a 3-2 victory against Bethesda FC at the Bethesda playing field.

Kyano Goodwin equalized for Bethesda FC with a 35th-minute conversion as both teams reached halftime level at 1-1 after teammate Rojae Dowe scored an own goal in the 25th minute to put Bendals FC ahead.

Goals by Keandre Phillip in the 62nd minute and Te'Andre Elliot in the 68th minute gave Bendals FC a 3-1 lead, and O'Shale Simon scored in the 82nd minute to reduce the deficit for Bethesda FC.

The result means that Bethesda FC remains winless on one point after crashing to their third defeat in four matches.

FC Master Ballers claimed their third win in four matches by pulling off a 2-1 victory against the Urlings Golden Stars at the Radio Range playing field in Ottos.

The result allows FC Master Ballers to advance to nine points, while it was the first loss for the Urlings Golden Stars, who will remain on six after winning their previous two matches.

After losing all four previous matches, the Cedar Grove Blue Jays picked up their first win by snatching a 3-2 victory over the CPTSA Wings in a bottom-of-the-table clash at the Cedar Grove playing field.

Clinton Daniels scored in the 37th minute to give the CPTSA Wings a one-nil lead at halftime. But goals by Kishorn Hamilton in the 52nd minute and Ti-Zone Matthew in the 55th minute gave the Cedar Grove Blue Jays a 3-1 lead after teammate Sadiq Williams scored the equalizer in the 51st minute.

Rasheem Williamson reduced the deficit with a goal in the 57th minute for the CPTSA Wings, who remain winless and without any points after crashing to their fifth loss in as many matches.



# Antigua lose first leg of CONCACAF Nations League Play-In

The Antigua and Barbuda senior men's national team lost to Trinidad and Tobago when the first leg of the Confederation of North, Central America, and Caribbean Association of Football (CONCACAF) Nations League Play-In kicked off on Thursday evening.

Trinidad and Tobago earned a 3-2 victory over Antigua and Barbuda in the first leg of their CONCACAF Nations League A+C Play-In series at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in North Sound in Antigua.

Antigua and Barbuda's Benna Boys opened the scoring just three minutes into the match via an own goal to take a one-nil lead. Midfielder Sean Tomlinson's header took a deflection off a Trinidadian defender Ryan Telfor on its way into the back of the net.

But Trinidad and Tobago's Soca Warriors responded in the 15th minute as **Dantaye Gilbert** netted the equalizer.

The Soca Warriors took the lead in the 25th minute when **Real Gill** fired a shot from inside the box. **Justin García** gave the Trinidadians a 3-1 advantage in the 45th minute, finishing a cross from Molik Khan.

Substitute forward **Brandon Satchell** pulled one back for Antigua and Barbuda in the third minute of added time with a long-range strike, but Trinidad and Tobago held on to secure the victory.

It means the Soca Warriors will take their one-goal advantage into the second leg when the Trinidadian hosts Antigua and Barbuda's Benna Boys at the Hasely Crawford Stadium in Port-of-Spain on Monday, November 16.

Meanwhile, forward Keon Green has returned to the Antigua and Barbuda 23-man squad for the second leg of the CONCACAF Nations League A+C Play-In in Trinidad and Tobago.



*Players of the Trinidad and Tobago team celebrate after scoring one of their goals against Antigua and Barbuda in their CONCACAF Nations League A+C Play-In series at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in North Sound, Antigua, on Thursday, November 12, 2026. (CONCACAF)*

Green returns after serving a three-match suspension. But Thomas James (TJ) Bramble, who captained the team in the first leg at Sir Viv Richards Stadium, has not made the trip to Port of Spain.

The Tamworth FC midfielder has returned to England to be with his family following the passing of his uncle. The Benna Boys wore black armbands in the first leg to support their captain and his family.

The Antigua and Barbuda Football Association (ABFA) has extended its deepest condolences to Bramble and his family during this difficult time.

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, 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, Keon Green, and Brandon Satchell. Completing the squad are Jayden Martin and Shakore Simon.

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 CONCACAF Nations League in Antigua in September and October.

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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# Sports News



# ABCAS maintain winning form in school boys under-20 league



*The ABCAS Under-20 boys football team*

The Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies (ABCAS) has maintained their perfect start in the Under-20 Boys Division of the Ministry of Sports Cool and Smooth JOMA Caribbean Schools Football League.

ABCAS made it three wins in a row in this year's competition by snatching a 2-1 victory over the Sir Novelle Richards Academy (SNRA) at the ABFA Technical Center.

Joshua Roache snatched the winners for ABCAS in the 62nd minute after teammate Andre Henry struck an equalizer in the 54th minute. Casean Dennis scored in the 27th minute to give SNRA a one-nil lead at halftime.

The Sir Novelle Richards Academy remain on three points from three matches after crashing to their second successive loss.

St. Mary's Secondary School (SMSS) and Irene B. Williams Secondary (IBWS) each picked up their first win in the competition.

After crashing to a 12-0 loss to ABCAS in their opening match, St. Mary's Secondary School rebounded to snatch a 2-1 win against Jennings Secondary School in their second encounter at the Bolans playing field.

Goals by Martin Nanton in the 35th minute and Tony Phillip in the 53rd minute secured victory for SMSS after Danny Livingstone's seventh-minute conversion gave Jennings Secondary School the lead.

Jennings Secondary School remains on one point after suffering their second defeat in three matches.

After losing their previous two matches, Irene B. Williams Secondary notched up their first win with a 5-2 drubbing of Pares Secondary School at the Freemans Village playing field.

Najae Nanton struck a hat trick for IBWS with conversions in the 15th, 26th, and 41st minutes. The other goals were scored by teammates Tejhano Cochrane and Leonard Francis in the 31st and 70th minutes, respectively.

Damian Abbott scored in the 54th minute and Amari Lake had a 71st-minute conversion for Pares Secondary School, which lost for the second time in as many matches.

The Ottos Comprehensive School (OCS) dropped points for the first time but maintained their unbeaten start to their campaign in the Under-20 Boys Division.

After winning their previous two matches, Ottos Comprehensive School was held to a 1-1 draw by the Antigua Grammar School at the Clare Hall playing field.

Following a goalless first half, Demarre Swift broke the deadlock with a 66th-minute conversion to put OCS ahead. Chance Joseph scored the equalizer in the 80th minute for AGS to salvage a draw after losing their opening encounter.

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# Third win for Hoppers in Premier Division league



*Players of the Cool and Smooth Greenbay Hoppers starting XI*

The Cool and Smooth Greenbay Hoppers picked up their third win in four matches when the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League resumes on Saturday.

The Greenbay Hoppers came from behind to pull off a 2-1 victory against Old Road FC in the second game of a double-header at the Antigua Recreation Ground (ARG).

Rakeem Joseph produced a fifth-minute conversion to give Old Road FC a one-nil lead at halftime. But a Rodney Lawrence scored twice with goals in the 53rd and 66th minutes to snatch victory for the Greenbay Hoppers.

The result allows the Greenbay Hoppers to jump to the top of the standings with nine points. Old Road FC remain winless and without any points at the bottom of the 10-team standings after slumping to their third defeat in as many matches.

After losing their previous two matches, the Aston Villa Lions FC recorded their first win with a 4-0 drubbing of former back-to-back champions All Saints United in the first game of Saturday's double-header.

Jacques Obas scored in the sixth minute and Kwame Kirby produced an eighth-minute conversion to give the Villa Lions a two-nil lead at halftime.

The Villa Lions wrapped up their victory by also scoring twice in the second half via goals by Dahvia Hughes in the 65th minute and Jahlanie Barzey in the 78th minute.

The result allows the Villa Lions to advance to three points, while All Saints United remain winless and second from the bottom of the standings on goal difference without any points after crashing to their third defeat in as many matches.

Meanwhile, Bolans FC and Real Blizzard FC both dropped points for the first time but maintained their unbeaten starts in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Second Division League on Saturday.

After being relegated from the first division last season, Bolans FC won their first three matches but was held to a 2-2 draw by Blackburn Palace at the Fort Road playing field in their latest outing.

The result allows Bolans FC to advance to 10 points from four matches, while Blackburn Palace moves on to seven points after salvaging their first draw in four encounters.

After winning all four previous matches, Real Blizzard FC was held to a goalless draw by Fort Road FC at the New Winthorpes playing field.

The result allows Real Blizzard to remain at the top of the 21-team standings with 13 points from five matches, while Fort Road FC advances to two points after salvaging their second draw in four encounters.

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