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Government Wants to Urgently Double the Country's Room Stock

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Family photo of the officials and participants of the Chinese sponsored workshop on maximizing the use of drip irrigation systems

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Government Wants to Double the Country's Room Stock As a Matter of Urgency

The government is on a drive to encourage the construction of hotels and other types of accommodation to rapidly increase the country's available room stock in a short a time as possible.

Speaking on ***the Browne and Browne*** show on Point Broadcasting Network on Saturday, Prime Minister Gaston Browne said the current room stick is approximately 5-thousand with 4-room representing traditional hotel rooms and another 1000 rooms from the AirBnB sector, or short or rentals.

According to the prime minister he used his recent trip aboard to initiate discussions with officials in both Turkiye and Qatar on possible investment and the expansion of their airlines into Antigua and Barbuda. However, he identified the absence of adequate hotel rooms as being a major stumbling block to this development.

"Those who believe that we have too many rooms, I want you to understand that we have not crack the tourism sector yet; we are just peeping in. We can't get certain airlines to come here because we don't have enough rooms. When we were in Turkiye, one of the things that we agreed to when we met the Turkish minister is that we are going to put together an Investment Cooperation Agreement covering investment; protecting investments, a double taxation agreement and an air services agreement. That's because we want to get Turkish Airlines as well as Qatar Airlines and Emirates to come to Antigua and Barbuda," he revealed.

Unfortunately, according to PM Browne...Antigua and Barbuda, at



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

the moment, does not have enough rooms to make bringing these airlines here viable.

"Unless we get up to 10-thousand rooms we do not have the critical mass of rooms to get these airlines to operate into VCBIA," he remarked.

The prime minister disclosed that the government is making efforts to get Copa Airiness to operate regular flights between Antigua and Barbuda and Panama as nationals and residents could take advantage of the very competitive prices for goods at that country's free trade zones.

This issue again, he reiterated was an issue due to the inadequate supply of rooms to make these operations attractive to the airlines.

PM Browne also announced the construction of luxury properties at Yeptons, Barbuda, Half Moon Bay and Rendezvous Bay that are already underway or should start shortly.



Tourism Week Opens with Prayers of Thanks and a Call to Prepare Workers for AI





Antigua and Barbuda officially opened Tourism Week 2026 on Sunday morning with a Service of Thanksgiving at Spring Gardens Moravian Church, where Tourism Minister Charles Fernandez called for investment in the skills of the people who keep the country's largest industry running.

Addressing the congregation during its Harvest Service, Fernandez said it was a blessing to worship at the historic church. He thanked the clergy and parishioners for welcoming the tourism delegation and for continuing to pray for the nation and the industry.

The service opened a week of activities that includes a tourism symposium on Monday, a day dedicated to Barbuda and the National Tourism Awards Gala next Sunday. This year's theme, "Empowering Our People for the Future: Embracing AI, Building Skills and Securing Careers," puts the focus on how tourism workers can prepare for changes in their jobs as artificial intelligence becomes more widely used.

Fernandez drew on the biblical account of Bezalel, who was given the wisdom and skill to craft works for the sanctuary, to make the case for developing the talents of Antiguans and Barbudans.

"Our skills must be sharpened. Our careers must be secured. And our people must be empowered to lead in this new era," he said.

Fernandez said AI could help workers make better use of their skills. He also stressed the value of the personal encounters that shape a visitor's stay.

"The warmth of a smile, the genuine care for a visitor, and the pride in our culture—these are things no machine can replicate," he said.

Delivering the vote of thanks, Michael Freeland said the Harvest Service offered a fitting occasion to recognise the people whose work sustains the industry.

"Our tourism industry is itself a harvest. A harvest of our people, our culture, our history, our natural beauty and, most importantly, the warmth and hospitality that we share with visitors from around the world," Freeland said.

He singled out hotel and restaurant staff, taxi drivers and tour operators, airline and airport personnel, seaport and marine workers, artisans, entertainers and vendors.

"You are the people who bring our tourism product to life," he told them.

Freeland thanked Fernandez for his leadership of the sector, the Junior Minister of Tourism for the Scripture reading and the Moravian Youth Steel Orchestra for its musical contribution. He also acknowledged the clergy, church officials, ushers, musicians and technicians who helped put on the service.

Tourism Week continues on Monday, November 23, with the **Tourism Symposium** at **9 a.m.** The symposium will focus on artificial intelligence, skills development and careers in the sector. Registration is required.

Know Your Product Day **follows on Wednesday, November 25, with** Barbuda Day **on Thursday, November 26, and** Tourism Gives Back **on Friday, November 27. The week closes with the** National Tourism Awards Gala **at** 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 29**, at** Casa Palmadita**.**

The Port Manager Provides Valuable Insights Into Dredging and Disposal of the Material

Port Manager, Dr. Darwin Telemaque is providing valuable information regarding what led to the decision to dredge the channel at Crabbes Peninsula and the determination of what to with the dredged material.

Dr. Telemaque joined ***the Browne and Browne*** show on Point Broadcasting Network via telephone on Saturday where he took a step-by-step approach to explain the rationale for the dredging and the approval processes that had to be secured before the work could start.

According to the port manager, the initial dredging of the channel was done several decades ago and over time, the built-up of silt and other materials made it impossible for ships of a certain size to operate in the channel, especially those that bring cement into the country.

Permissions were sought and obtained from key government agencies to include the Development Control Authority, the Department of the Environment and the Fisheries Division.

The port also enlisted the services of Civil Engineer, Everon Zachariah of CEAS Engineering to conduct an assessment of the proposed work and he reported that the work was guided by the recommendation of this local company.

When it came to deciding what to do with the dredged material, it because both an ecological as well as an economic issue as the proposed dumping site, some eleven miles out at sea would have added an extra US$2 million to the overall cost of the project. "This was at a time when we were



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struggling to pay for the dredging. Additionally, our divers found that the sand at the bottom of the channel was 'beautiful sand'. Based on this fact and the advice from the relevant agencies, several sites were suggested to dump the material, rather than disposing it at sea. These include Shell Beach, Dutchman's Bay, Maiden Island, High Point and Barnacle Point," he stated.

He noted that while some materials have been dumped at Barnacle Point the work of dredging is still ongoing are there will be sufficient materials left to resuscitate the beaches at both Shell Beach and Dutchman's Bay.

"The dredging is not yet done and we believe that we have enough white sand to resolve the issue of expanding or resuscitating Shell Beach, improving the Dutchman's Bay area and ensuring that what Antigua and Barbuda is best known for; which are its beaches, do not disappear," Dr. Telemaque explained.

He emphasized that the port does not have the authority to determine where it puts the materials and that is why it sought, on many occasions, the greenlight from the relevant government agencies.

He added that site visits were organized at Shell Beach with representatives from the DCA, DoE and Fisheries along with fisher-folks to discuss how best to proceed with the rehabilitation project.

"There was a full-fledged effort to ensure that the social needs were protected, that the environmental concerns were met and at the end we would use a product that would improve the country's overall tourism offerings," he declared.



China is Training Local Farmers How to Maximise the Use of Irrigation System







More than eighty participants including farmers, back-yard gardeners, technicians and staff of the Ministry of Agriculture are attending a month-long training course, organized as part of the bilateral assistance by the People's Republic of China to Antigua and Barbuda.

Jointly hosted by China Aid and Yuan Longping High-Tech Agriculture Co., Ltd. in partnership with Antigua and Barbuda's Ministry of Agriculture, this intensive course will train 80 local participants to combat water scarcity and boost crop yields. A circular for the training programme said this will be done through classroom sessions and hands-on field practice. The programme will equip participants with the skills to modernize local farming with climate-resilient irrigation technologies.

Main objectives of the training are to:

- Build practical skills to install, operate and maintain drip and micro-irrigation system
- Teach precision watering and integrated fertilization to maximize







crop yields

- Train participants to measure soil moisture and manage water balances effectively.
- Equip farmers to sustain production during droughts and dry periods.
- Empower local technicians and farmers to share sustainable practices across the agricultural sector.

Under the heading of ***2026 Training Course on Agricultural Water-Saving Irrigation Technologies in Antigua and Barbuda*** the course is being held at the Villa Poly-Clinic and runs until December 16. It's the second consecutive year that the programme is being held.

In his address to the opening ceremony, Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams noted that the course addresses an essential challenge faced by farmers in Antigua and Barbuda; the scarcity of water.

"Water is essential to farming, yet dry periods and water scarcity can place serious pressure on farmers and affect the reliability of local food production. Helping our agricultural sector use water more efficiently is therefore an investment in stronger farms, more resilient communities and greater food security.

"The programme ahead has clear and valuable aims. Participants will develop practical skills in installing, operating and maintaining drip and micro-irrigation systems. They will learn about precision watering, integrated fertilisation, soil-moisture measurement and water-balance management," Sir Rodney noted.

Minister of State, Randy Baltimore urged agricultural technicians and Ministry of Agriculture personnel to fully immerse themselves in the training. Rather than passively receiving information, he encouraged participants to use the seminar as an interactive platform to ask questions, exchange ideas, and share practical experiences—applying these skills to bolster the agricultural sector, build climate resilience, and improve national water security. your role does not end when you receive your certificate. You are now ambassadors of these sustainable practices.

"My hope is that you will return to your farms, your communities, and your ministries and share this knowledge. By teaching others, you multiply the impact of this training and help us build an agricultural sector that is climate-resilient and sustainable for generations to come.

"This partnership with the People's Republic of China is a testament to the power of international cooperation in solving local problems. I encourage each of you to take full advantage of the expertise provided by our Chinese colleagues. Ask questions, get your hands dirty, and commit yourselves fully to this learning process.

"Our goal is simple: to make Antigua and Barbuda's agriculture robust, efficient, and capable of weathering any storm—or any drought—that comes our way", stated Minister Baltimore.

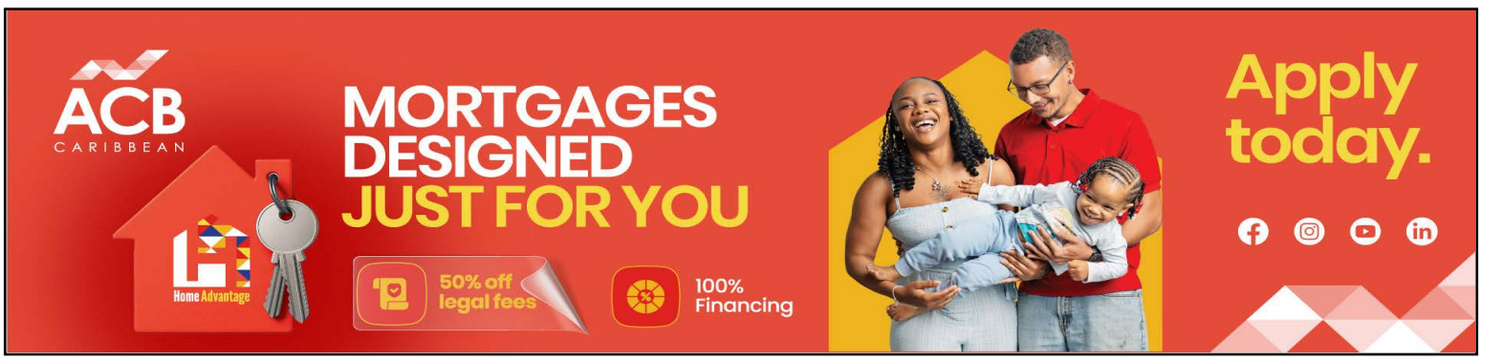
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Antigua and Barbuda, Jiang Wei, welcomed attendees on behalf of the Chinese Embassy. She noted the timeliness of the programme given the country's prolonged drought and changing climatic conditions, underscoring the need to equip agricultural stakeholders to manage water resources effectively and sustain production.

Scores Attend ABNAB's Open Day Activities



Scores of young people from the senior levels of secondary schools and from tertiary institutions in the country attended an Open-Day event organized by the Antigua and Barbuda National Accreditation Board (ABNAB).

The event was held at the ABNAB new offices located in the Transport Board complex at Lightfoot and it drew representation from tertiary institutions, lending agencies among others. These organisations mounting booths from which they disseminated information about their institutions such as how to apply for entry or in the case of an organization such as the Nation-









al Student Loan Fund (NSLF), the processes necessary to attain a student loan.

The Open Day also featured seminar-type engagements with young people that explored the key role that the ABNAB plays in ensuring that certificates are authenticated and that tertiary institutions are credible and that they are not operating as 'diploma mills'.

The ABNAB explained that it provides a 'quality assurance' role as part of the infrastructure of education where it certifies certificates and investigates institutions, whether foreign or locally-based that advertise degrees, diplomas or certificates offerings in higher education.

This, the agency explains, is to ensure that these institutions are exactly what they advertise. One ABNAB staff indicated that it is quite easy to 'shut down' so-called 'diploma mills' if they are operating locally, but many of these are offering courses online thus making it much more difficult to fully vet.

The ANNAB official explained that in some cases it had to resort to placing notices in the local media advising members of the public not to send monies to institutions suspected of being scams.

The University of the West Indies FIC, the American University of Antigua, the Board of Education, the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Department and the NSLF were among organisations that participated in the event.



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The National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) to Launch a National Bin Rental Service

The National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) is launching a new bin rental service effective today (November 23) as part of efforts to reduce the indiscriminate littering that is now a growing concern for the government and the citizenry nationwide.



Under the theme, A cleaner event starts with the right waste solution, the NSWMA will be unveiling three different sizes of bins which will cater for the needs of both large and small scale events. The three waste disposal bins include 30 gallons wheeled roll bins which are perfect for walkways and smaller events, 65 gallons wheeled roll units, which are suitable for areas generating a larger volume of waste as well the 202 gallon titled bins which are a large capacity option for major events.

The new venture is designed to support a cleaner, more structured and convenient solution for managing waste generated during concerts, fetes, parties and other such events in Antigua and Barbuda.

The service is intended for fete promoters, festival coordinators, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), events/functions and other organizers who require practical waste-management solutions for gatherings of different sizes.

In addition to bin rentals, NSWMA is offering on-site waste collection support for large events (terms & conditions applied). Organizers can inquire about arrangements for waste collection during their activities, helping to maintain clean venues and reduce the accumulation of waste. Any additional service requirements and associated charges should be confirmed when booking.

Through this initiative, NSWMA aims to make responsible waste management incorporated into event planning, while encouraging organizers and patrons to play an active role in protecting the environment.

Event organizers are encouraged to make arrangements in advance, as the availability of the bins and operational support will depend on the requirements and scheduling of each event.

For booking enquiries, rental rates and further information, contact NSWMA at 562-1347 or 562-8706 or email us at collection@solidwaste.gov.ag




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Antigua and Barbuda Shines at Taste of the Caribbean 2026, Securing Overall Silver

Antigua and Barbuda's National Culinary Team has once again demonstrated the exceptional talent, creativity and culinary excellence of the twin-island nation, securing an Overall Silver Medal at the prestigious Taste of the Caribbean 2026, held November 16–19 in Barbados.

Competing against culinary professionals from 13 other Caribbean countries, Team Antigua and Barbuda delivered an outstanding performance, earning individual gold, silver and bronze medals, as well as a coveted victory in the Seafood Competition.

The team's achievements reflect the strength of Antigua and Barbuda's hospitality industry, the dedication of its culinary professionals and the continued commitment to developing world-class talent within the destination.

A Winning Performance for Team Antigua and Barbuda

Seafood Competition Winner – Jean-Pierre Tuitt, Chef de Cuisine, Jumby Bay Island

Chef Jean Pierre Tuitt captured top honours in the Seafood Competition with an exceptional presentation of Pan-Seared Snapper, served with Crab Ducana Croquettes, Beetroot Purée, Lemon & Fevergrass Gel, and Shrimp & Avocado Butter Sauce.

His winning creation celebrated the flavours and ingredients of the Caribbean while demonstrating technical precision, innovation and a sophisticated approach to regional cuisine.

Gold Medal – Pastry Competition – Britanya McLaren, Pastry Chef, Hermitage Bay

Britanya McLaren delivered a remarkable performance in the Pastry Competition, earning a Gold Medal for her beautifully executed Caribbean Tasting Plate featuring four distinctive creations:

· Wild Tamarind and Red Wine Cheesecake

· Pistachio, Cavalier and Brown Sugar Bread Pudding

· Antigua Black Pineapple Flambé in Meringues

· Mango and Passion Fruit Mousse

Her presentation showcased the versatility of Caribbean ingredients, combining traditional island flavours with contemporary pastry techniques and artistic presentation.



Gold Medal – Pastry Competition – Britanya McLaren, Pastry Chef, Hermitage Bay



Seafood Competition Winner – Jean-Pierre Tuitt, Chef de Cuisine, Jumby Bay Island



Silver Medal – Junior Chef Competition – Adrian Browne, Cook II, Jumby Bay Island



Bronze Medal – Bartender Competition – Altino Spencer, Trade Specialist and Mixologist, Anjo Wholesale

Silver Medal – Junior Chef Competition – Adrian Browne, Cook II, Jumby Bay Island

Rising culinary talent Adrian Browne earned a Silver Medal in the Junior Chef Competition, highlighting the exciting future of Antigua and Barbuda's culinary industry.



Team Antigua and Barbuda celebrates earning the Overall Silver Medal at Taste of the Caribbean 2026 in Barbados. (L-R) Adrian Browne, Britanya McLaren, Jean-Pierre Tuitt and Altino Spencer

His competition dish featured Tamarind-Glazed Pork, Pan-Seared Beef, Mango and Watermelon Chutney, Shrimp and Sweet Potato Croquette, Pickled Maha (Local Zucchini), and Red Cabbage Purée.

His achievement is a testament to the importance of mentorship, professional training and providing young culinary professionals with opportunities to compete and excel on the regional stage.

Bronze Medal – Senior Chef Competition – Jean Pierre Tuitt, Chef de Cuisine, Jumby Bay Island

Adding to his Seafood Competition victory, Chef Jean Pierre Tuitt also secured a Bronze Medal in the Senior Chef Competition.

His dish featured Fungi-Crusted Beef Top Round, Watermelon Pearls, Charred Okra and Breadfruit Fondant, bringing together distinctly Caribbean flavours with modern culinary innovation.

Bronze Medal – Bartender Competition – Altino Spencer, Trade Specialist and Mixologist, Anjo Wholesale

Altino Spencer demonstrated creativity, versatility and technical skill throughout four challenging rounds of the Caribbean Bartender Competition, earning a Bronze Medal.

His cocktail presentations included:

· Island Indigo (Non-Alcoholic Mocktail): A vibrant blend of butterfly pea syrup, lavender syrup and raspberry, finished with vegan foam.

· Granny Drinking (Rum Cocktail): A Caribbean-inspired creation featuring mauby drink, cola syrup, Barceló Dark Rum and club soda.

· The Jamun Affair (Vodka Cocktail): A creative blend of Stoli Vodka, Jamun Berry, Thyme Syrup and Vegan Foamer.

· Tropical Dream (Mystery Cocktail): A refreshing tropical cocktail featuring fresh watermelon juice, white rum, De Kuyper Passion Fruit, fresh basil leaves and lemon-flavoured soda water.

His performance highlighted the growing sophistication of Antigua and Barbuda's beverage industry and the creativity of its bartending professionals.

Celebrating Culinary Excellence and National Pride

The Antigua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association (ABHTA), which spearheads the National Culinary Team's participation, has expressed tremendous pride in the team's performance and the recognition earned for the destination.

The team's Overall Silver Medal represents a collective achievement, reflecting the dedication, preparation and teamwork required to compete at one of the Caribbean's most respected culinary events.

Beyond the medals, the competition provides an invaluable platform for professional development, regional networking, exposure to international culinary standards and the celebration of Caribbean food culture.

The ABHTA extends heartfelt congratulations to each competitor for representing Antigua and Barbuda with distinction, professionalism and national pride.

Special appreciation is also extended to the participating employers, coaches, mentors, sponsors and industry partners whose continued investment makes the National Culinary Team's participation possible.

A Platform for Caribbean Culinary Talent

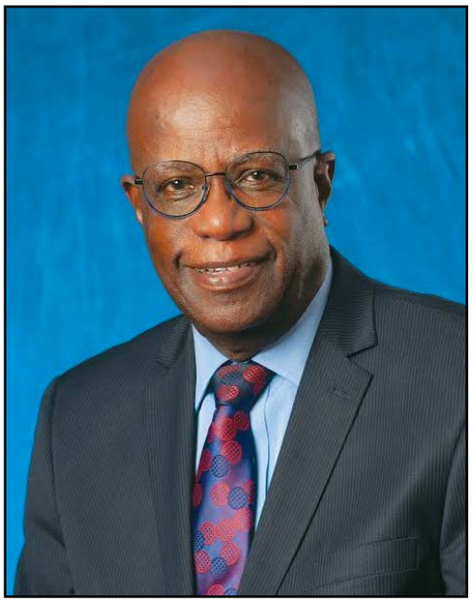
Taste of the Caribbean, organised by the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA), is the region's premier culinary competition and professional development platform, bringing together chefs, pastry professionals, junior chefs and bartenders from across the Caribbean.

The event provides an opportunity for participating destinations to showcase their culinary heritage, exchange knowledge, develop professional skills and promote the Caribbean as a world-class gastronomic destination.

For Antigua and Barbuda, the 2026 results reaffirm the destination's reputation for culinary creativity, hospitality excellence and the exceptional talent found within its tourism industry.

With an Overall Silver Medal, a Seafood Competition victory and individual gold, silver and bronze honours, Team Antigua and Barbuda returns home with much to celebrate and a renewed determination to continue raising the standard of culinary excellence.

Mia, You Are the Political Head. Now Lead.





A reply to Mia Mottley's call for a political head of CARICOM

By Julian Rogers

On Sunday evening (November 15) at Mona, Prime Minister Mia Mottley told a room full of former prime ministers that CARICOM will go no further without a political head. The six-month rotating chairmanship, she said, does not serve the Community. Someone must provide continuity, speak for the region and make sure that what leaders decide actually gets done.

I agree with every word of the diagnosis. I disagree with the prescription. CARICOM does not need to create the post she described. It already has someone to fill it, and she gave the speech.

Consider her credentials. Mia Mottley is the Head of Government with lead responsibility for the CARICOM Single Market and Economy, the very heart of the integration project. She has chaired the Conference several times. She authored the Bridgetown Initiative, which made a small island's case on debt and climate finance heard in Washington, Paris and New York. When the world tunes in to the Caribbean, it is her voice it most often hears. If a political head is someone with a portfolio, a platform and the trust of the people, then the Community has one. She is simply waiting for a title.

She has done this before, without waiting for anybody's permission. In 2006, as Deputy Prime Minister of Barbados, she chaired the CARICOM sub-committee on security for Cricket World Cup 2007. Out of that work came the CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security, the Joint Regional Communications Centre, a regional intelligence fusion centre, a single domestic space and a common visa. Ten countries, one border, in time for the first ball. Dr Peter Phillips, her partner on that task force, was in the audience on Sunday. He will remember that nobody amended a treaty first. A deadline and a leader did the job.

So, Prime Minister, with the greatest respect: what are you waiting for?

The rotating chair is a constraint, not a prison. Nothing in the Revised Treaty stops the lead head for the CSME from building a standing machine of her own and putting it to work tomorrow. Here is where I would start.

First, the ambassadors, and there are two kinds. Every member state names an Ambassador to CARICOM, its envoy to the Community itself, accredited to the Secretariat in Georgetown. They already carry the integration agenda for their governments, yet they rarely work as one team. Let them be her standing council, meeting monthly and tracking every decision of the Heads until it is carried out. Beyond the region, every member state also keeps heads of mission in Washing-

ton, Ottawa, London, Brussels, Addis Ababa and at the United Nat Team Antigua and Barbuda celebrates earning the Overall Silver Medal at Taste of the Caribbean 2026 in Barbados. (L-R) Adrian Browne, Britanya McLaren, Jean-Pierre Tuitt and Altino Spencer (1) ions. They meet now and then, but they do not operate as one corps. Mottley lamented on Sunday that CARICOM has only observer status in New York while the European Union speaks from the rostrum. Then let our heads of mission abroad act as one corps under her convening, with a single regional brief, a shared calendar and one voice on climate finance, correspondent banking and deportations. No treaty change is needed for that, only a telephone and a will.

Second, the young. For more than thirty years, every member and associate state has appointed CARICOM Youth Ambassadors. They are an unpaid, ready-made network in all twenty capitals, and too often they are given little to do beyond International Youth Day. Give them the CSME. Make them the region's field force for free movement, explaining rights at ports and promoting the skills certificate, and reporting every border official who turns a CARICOM national away.

Third, the diaspora. This is where I take issue with her arithmetic. Mottley proposes a 0.3 per cent import levy and a dollar or two on visitors to raise about US$90 million a year for the regional institutions. She is right that the problem is the mechanism and not the amount, and right that leaders promised automatic financing at Rose Hall in 2003 and then did nothing about it. But look at the scale. CARICOM countries received some US$9 billion in remittances last year. Her entire budget for the Community comes to about one per cent of what our people abroad send home every year without being asked.

I am not proposing a tax on remittances. Washington already takes one per cent of cash transfers, and our families have paid enough. I am proposing that she ask. A CARICOM Diaspora Bond, a regional investment window, and a register of professionals in Toronto, London, Brooklyn and Miami who would give a month a year to a regional agency. The diaspora does not lack money or talent. It lacks an invitation from someone it trusts. She is that someone.

Fourth, her own money skills. A leader who steered Barbados through a debt restructuring, and who argues fluently with the IMF and the World Bank, does not need a new secretariat to design a regional financing plan. She can commission it from the Caribbean Development Bank, the central banks and UWI's own economists, then table it at the next Conference as a finished protocol, not a discussion paper. Let the levies go in too. But let the diaspora instruments go first, because they need no customs officer and no unanimous vote under Article 236.

None of this diminishes her argument for a permanent political head. In time the Community may well create one. But institutions follow leadership; they rarely produce it. The Secretariat did not invent the single domestic space. A Barbadian deputy prime minister with a cricket deadline did.

The people of this region have already decided who speaks for them. Listen in a rum shop in Port of Spain, on a minibus in Kingston or a call-in programme in Georgetown, and you will hear her name, not a committee's. The mandate is not waiting for a treaty. It is waiting for her.

Prime Minister, you asked on Sunday who must speak for the Caribbean. Forgive the bluntness of an old broadcaster. You already do. Now lead.

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CAF International Forum 2027 to Bring Global Leaders Together in Panama to Shape the Future of Latin America and the Caribbean

Panama will once again convene leading political, business, financial and multilateral representatives, as well as global thought leaders, for the third edition of the CAF International Forum 2027, to be held on January 27 and 28 at the Panama Convention Center under the theme, *"Latin America and the Caribbean: A Region of Solutions for Global Challenges."*

The event, organised by CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean in partnership with the Government of Panama, will also include the "Voices for Our Region" Ideas Festival on January 26 and a Business Roundtable on January 28 and 29.

Ten heads of state and government from the region have confirmed their participation in the regional dialogue. They include José Raúl Mulino, President of Panama; Rodrigo Paz, President of Bolivia; Yamandú Orsi, President of Uruguay; Laura Fernández, President of Costa Rica; Pedro Alliana, President of Paraguay; His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana; Nasry Asfura, President of Honduras; Daniel Noboa, President of Ecuador; The Honourable Mia Amor Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados; and Luis Abinader, President of the Dominican Republic.

Further confirmations of regional leaders and other international figures will be revealed in the coming weeks.

The announcement was made by CAF Executive President Sergio Díaz-Granados and Panama's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Javier Martínez-Acha, who highlighted the importance of consolidating the Forum as a platform for dialogue, cooperation and the advancement of new opportunities for the region.





"Latin America and the Caribbean needs spaces where their leaders can debate major global changes, build consensus, and turn ideas into concrete decisions beyond ideological differences. The CAF International Forum is moving forward to establish itself as that bridge and as a regional public good serving all Latin American and Caribbean citizens," Díaz-Granados said.

The forum's agenda will include 21 plenary sessions, 60 parallel sessions and 50 closed-door sessions, with more than 350 panellists from the public and private sectors, academia, international organisations and civil



society. It will also include business delegations from five continents, representing more than 5,000 business leaders.

Discussions will be organised around seven thematic areas: geopolitics and global governance; economy, investment and business development; regional integration and infrastructure; technology and innovation for development; environment, climate and biodiversity; energy transition and strategic minerals; and social development, talent and territories.

Panama to Become Permanent Host of the CAF International Forum

During the event, CAF and the Government of Panama signed an agreement establishing Panama City as the permanent host of the CAF International Forum.

The agreement provides for the facilitation of venues, infrastructure, logistics and protocol support for future editions, as well as the joint promotion of the Forum as a platform for dialogue and convergence around the interests of Latin America and the Caribbean.

"Panama has welcomed previous editions of the Forum with openness and hospitality and has provided an environment conducive to dialogue, exchange and regional cooperation. For this reason, we have agreed to establish the country as the permanent host of this meeting, recognising both its commitment to Latin American integration and its strategic advantages in terms of location and connectivity," said CAF's Executive President.

The Government of Panama and CAF also announced that funds raised through sponsorships from private companies and partners for the Forum will be allocated in full to support earthquake recovery efforts in Panama, Venezuela and Colombia.

The third edition of the Forum follows a historic 2026 gathering, which brought together more than 6,500 leaders from 70 countries, including eight heads of state and four Nobel laureates. A total of 250 panellists discussed regional integration, trade, artificial intelligence, energy transition, development financing, innovation and sustainability.

Applications to attend the Forum are now open at **forocaf.com/en**



Grenadian Scientists Recognised for Organic Waste Research

Two Grenadian scientists have received regional recognition for research exploring how organic waste can be turned into useful products for agriculture.

Dr. Judlyn Telesford Checkley of Grenada Grows Limited and Dr. Gem Thomas Barry, Grenada representative for the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute, won the Best Paper and Presentation award at the 35th Caribbean Water and Wastewater Association Conference and Exhibition.

Their paper focuses on the Grenada Grows market composting pilot project, which collects organic material from St. George's Market and processes it into compost and other soil-enhancing products. The initiative aims to divert organic waste from the Perseverance Landfill while creating locally produced materials that may support soil health and agricultural production.

The researchers reported promising results from tests comparing compost with other growing media and from trials involving OrganoLock, a product combining compost with other soil amendments and microbial inputs. The findings are preliminary, and further field trials are needed to assess performance under practical growing conditions.

The project links waste management with agriculture by seeking to recover useful materials that might otherwise be discarded. The team has also highlighted the need for funding to expand the initiative beyond its pilot stage. The award brings added attention to local research and the potential for circular-economy approaches in the Caribbean.





St Catherine Councillors Raise Concerns Over Roads Damaged After Pipe Repairs



Road conditions in St Catherine are drawing criticism from councillors who say roads are often left in poor condition after the National Water Commission carries out pipe repairs. The issue was raised at a meeting of the St Catherine Municipal Corporation, where councillors said some excavations had remained unrepaired for years. One councillor cited road cuts near the entrance to Keystone and along the Tampen main road, saying some had been left unattended for more than a decade unless local intervention was arranged. Another councillor described a road where pipeline work had been carried out about two years earlier.

The councillor said heavy rainfall had worsened the condition of the surface, leaving one section severely damaged and difficult to use. Councillors said the condition of the roads affects residents and motorists and raises public-safety concerns. They questioned the arrangements for restoring roads after utility work and called for greater accountability between the National Water Commission and the National Works Agency.

A commission representative acknowledged that responsibility for restoring roads damaged by its work ultimately rests with the National Water Commission. The representative said an arrangement with the National Works Agency had been revised but did not provide further details at the meeting. Councillors called for the agreement to be reviewed and suggested the commission consider handling some repairs inhouse.



Questions Remain After Operation Targets Haitian Gang Leader's Home



Some Haitians have welcomed a military operation targeting the home of a prominent gang leader, as the country continues to struggle with widespread armed group violence.

El Salvador's President Nayib Bukele said Salvadoran troops demolished the residence of Jeff Larose, also known as Jeff Canaan, Jeff Gwo Lwa and Taliban.

Bukele posted a video showing helicopters firing toward the property, followed by large plumes of smoke.

It was not immediately clear whether Larose was at the residence during the attack or whether he was killed. Larose leads the Taliban gang, which has long controlled the community of Canaan in northern Port-auPrince. The gang is reported to have around 200 members and is allied with other armed groups operating in the capital and along key roads.

The operation came amid demonstrations by residents expressing support for Bukele and Salvadoran troops. The deployment began after four Salvadoran personnel went missing following an attack in October.

The United Nations-backed Gang Suppression Force said it was not involved in the strike, and the role of Haitian police and military was not immediately clear.



Three Dead After Fire at Indonesian Candy Factory, Dozens Unaccounted For



At least three people were reported dead and dozens of workers remained unaccounted for after a fire tore through a candy factory in Cikande, in Indonesia's Banten province, west of Jakarta.

The blaze broke out on Saturday evening at the PT Fonusa Agung Mulia factory, which produces Milkita sweets and other confectionery. The fire engulfed the three storey facility, causing extensive damage and leaving sections of the building unstable.

As reported by authorities on Sunday, 37 workers remained unaccounted for. The company said about 300 workers were inside the factory compound, with 65 believed to have been in the affected area. Some workers had returned home while others were receiving medical treatment.

Firefighters continued to tackle hot spots after the main blaze, while rescue workers searched the damaged building. Collapsed sections, poor lighting and the risk of renewed fires complicated access. Police said victims could not be identified by visual inspection and began collecting DNA samples from relatives to help identify remains.

The cause of the fire remained under investigation. Survivors reportedly said it began near a cooling unit on the third floor, but authorities had not confirmed that account.

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Around 700,000 Displaced by Conflict in Southern Ethiopia



Nearly 700,000 people have been displaced by fighting between Oromo and Ethiopian Somali communities in southern Ethiopia, according to humanitarian organisation Islamic Relief. The clashes began in late October amid a dispute over control of the border town of Moyale, near the borders of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. The organisation says the violence has spread as far as 300 kilometres from the town. Islamic Relief estimates that about 329,000 people have been displaced from Dawa Zone in the Somali Region, while another 359,798 people have been displaced across southern Oromia. Access to some affected areas remains difficult, making it challenging for aid agencies to assess the full extent of the crisis. The fighting has reportedly destroyed homes, businesses and fuel stations, while disrupting health, nutrition, water and sanitation services. Civilians remain vulnerable to further violence, and many displaced families will need assistance before they can safely return home. The organisation also reports that around 50,000 people have crossed into neighbouring Kenya in search of safety and humanitarian assistance, adding pressure to local services and host communities. Islamic Relief says it is preparing support for affected communities, including cash assistance, hygiene kits, community support and psychosocial services. The organisation has also called for funding to help respond to the humanitarian needs.



Russian Attacks and Rising Costs Put Pressure on Kyiv Restaurants



Kyiv's restaurant industry is preparing for another difficult winter as intensified Russian attacks, frequent air-raid alerts and rising operating costs push customers away from cafes and restaurants. Restaurant owners say power and water outages, curfews, fuel costs and staff shortages are making it increasingly difficult to keep businesses operating. Some establishments have closed temporarily or suspended operations until conditions improve. Olena Borysova, owner of the Gastro Family restaurant group, told Reuters that the situation had become harder each year. The company closed two restaurants in Kyiv and suspended two others. Seafood chain Chornomorka closed two Kyiv locations and plans to relocate them to western Ukraine, while Pesto Cafe temporarily closed seven of its 20 restaurants in Kyiv and the surrounding region. Chornomorka reported that customer visits were down about 20 per cent compared with the previous year. Data from Ukraine's National Restaurant Association showed that some businesses experienced a sharp fall in sales in September. Kyiv recorded 437 hours of air raid alerts in September and October. Restaurant operators have tried to adapt by installing generators, storing water and developing menus that can be prepared during outages. However, reduced customer spending and higher costs continue to weaken the sector. Ukraine's restaurant industry employs about 150,000 people and recorded roughly 248 billion hryvnias in sales last year, according to the National Restaurant Association.

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ABCAS drops points but stay unbeaten leaders in Patrick Whyte Cup

The Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies (ABCAS) has dropped points for the first time but maintained their unbeaten run in the Patrick Whyte Cup Under-20 Boys Division of the Ministry of Sports Cool and Smooth JOMA Caribbean Schools Football League.

After winning all three previous matches, ABCAS was held to a goalless draw by the Ottos Comprehensive School in their encounter at the Keithley Sheppard Recreational Park.

The result allows ABCAS to remain unbeaten at the top of the 11-team standings by advancing to 10 points from four matches.

The Ottos Comprehensive School (OCS) also remains unbeaten but slipped from second to fifth place on goal difference with nine points after securing their third draw in five matches.

The All Saints Secondary School (ASSS) recorded their third win in five matches after being awarded victory via Irene B. Williams Secondary, which failed to show up for their encounter at the Freemans Village playing field.

The result allows All Saints Secondary to jump into second place on goal difference with 10 points, the same as ABCAS and the Harrison Center.

The Irene B. Williams Secondary remains on three points after succumbing to their fourth loss in five matches.

Defending champions Harrison Center also maintains their unbeaten run to move into third place on goal difference.



The Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies senior boys football team.

The Harrison Center picked up their third win in four matches to join ABCAS and ASSS on 10 points with an 8-0 drubbing of Pares Secondary School (PSS) at the Freemans Village playing field.

Leon Cort scored five times, and the other goals for Harrison Center were converted by Howayne James, Romario Christian, and JahDante Griffith.

Pares Secondary School remain winless and in the cellar without any points after crashing to their fourth defeat in as many games.

The Princess Margaret School (PMS) leapfrogged Ottos Comprehensive School into fourth place on goal difference with nine points by recording their third win in four matches via a 3-1 victory against St. Mary's Secondary School (SMSS) at the Antigua Grammar School's playing field.

Princess Margaret School benefitted from an Ellon Burton's own goal in the fourth minute as well as conversions from Jamari George in the 21st minute and Alan Henry in the 31st minute.

Jaden Thomas scored a consolation goal in the 73rd minute for St. Mary's Secondary School, which remains on three points after slumping to their third loss in four matches.

The Antigua Grammar School claimed their second win in four matches to advance to seven points by pulling off a 5-1 victory against Jennings Secondary School (JSS) at the Antigua Grammar School's playing field.

Tafari Parker scored twice, while the other goals for Antigua Grammar School were converted by Chance Joseph, Caleb Parker, and Kisani Dalso.

Randy White scored a consolation goal in the 12th minute for Jennings Secondary School, which remains on four points after tumbling to their third loss in five matches.



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Sports News

Ottos Rangers return to top of ABFA's First Division League

The Ottos Rangers have maintained their unbeaten start and returned to the top of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League.

The Ottos Rangers notched up their fourth win in five matches to move to 13 points by securing a 3-1 victory over Jennings United at the Jennings playing field.

All the goals came in the second half, with Junior Benjamin breaking the deadlock with a 50th-minute conversion to put Rangers ahead.

Gayon Wright equalized for Jennings United with a strike in the 54th minute, but Cassell Southwell scored twice in the 72nd and 73rd minutes to secure victory for the Ottos Rangers.

The Jennings United remain on three points from four matches, slumping to their third consecutive defeat after winning their opening encounter.

Meanwhile, Bendals FC dropped more points but has maintained their unbeaten start in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's Second Division League.

Bendals FC dropped points for the second time this season by playing to a goalless draw with the Urlings Golden Stars in Bendals Village.

The result allows Bendals FC to advance to 11 points after claiming their second draw win in five matches. The Urlings Golden Stars move on to seven points after recording their first draw in four matches.

Fort Road FC picked up their first win in five matches to advance to five points with a 6-1 drubbing of the Cedar Grove Blue Jays at the Cedar Grove playing field.

Jahquan Davis recorded a hat trick for Fort Road FC with strikes in the 32nd and 68th minutes as well as converting a penalty kick in the 49th minute.

Shumba Thomas scored twice with conversions in the 14th and 46th minutes, and the other goal for Fort Road FC was converted by Deon Lavonn in the 18th minute.

Kishorn Hamilton scored a consolation goal in the second minute for the Cedar Grove Blue Jays, who remain on three points after crashing to their fifth defeat in six matches.

Bethesda FC also picked up their first win in five matches to advance to four points after snatching a 3-2 victory against Herberts FC at the Bethesda playing field.

The goals for Bethesda FC were scored by Ahijah Millette in the 19th minute, Kazi Quinland in the 35th minute, and O'Shale Simon in the 56th minute.

Tafari Parker scored both goals for Herberts FC, converting a penalty kick in the sixth minute and getting his second with a strike in the 24th minute.

The result allows Herberts FC to remain on two points after slumping to their fourth defeat in six matches.



Players of the Ottos Rangers starting XI



PMS stay unbeaten in school girls Under-20 league

Defending champions, Princess Margaret School (PMS), extended their unbeaten run in the Girls Under-20 Division in the Ministry of Sports Cool and Smooth JOMA Caribbean Schools Football League on Friday.

Princess Margaret School notched up their sixth win in as many matches with a 12-0 drubbing of the St. Mary's Secondary School (SMSS) at the PMS playing field.

Jah Kayla Bellot scored six goals, and Rolesha Humphreys recorded a hat trick for PMS. St. Mary's Secondary School remains on four points after suffering their fourth defeat in six matches.

After their four-match unbeaten run was ended by PMS in their previous outing, the Antigua Girls High School (AGHS) returned to winning form, claiming their fifth win in six matches with a 6-0 drubbing of Jennings Secondary School (JSS) at the Antigua Grammar School's playing field.

After failing to score for the first time in her team's previous encounter against PMS, the league's chief marksman Nafisa Quashie returned to her prolific scoring form by scoring all six goals for AGHS to take her season tally to 28 goals in six matches.

The Jennings School remains on five points after losing for the third time in six matches.

The Ottos Comprehensive School (OCS) claimed their second win in six matches by snatching a 1-0 victory against Clare Hall Secondary School (CHSS) at the Freemans Village playing field.

Kengenique Armstrong scored the only goal of the match in the 38th minute to secure the victory that allows OCS to advance to six points. Clare Hall Secondary School remains on seven points after suffering their third defeat in six matches.

But the Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies (ABCAS) dropped points for the first time but maintained their unbeaten run in a 2-2 draw with Pares Secondary School (PSS) at the Freemans Village playing field.

Mia Lake scored in the 40th minute, and Abigail McDonald had a 58th-minute conversion for ABCAS, who advance to 16 points after salvaging their first draw in six matches.

Keitonya Skepple scored in the 14th minute, and Devonia Jarvis produced a 38th-minute conversion for Pares Secondary School (PSS), which moved on to seven points after salvaging their first draw in six matches.

All Saints Secondary School (ASSS) and St. Anthony's Secondary School (SASS) battled to a 1-1 draw at the Freemans Village playing field.

Gabriella Rodney scored for All Saints Secondary School, while Maliya Barrow produced a 10th-minute conversion for SASS.

The result allows All Saints Secondary School to record their first point but remain at the bottom of the 10-team standings after salvaging their first draw in six encounters.

St. Anthony's Secondary School moves on to six points after securing their third draw in six matches.

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Ten-man United hammered 4-0 by Liverpool in Pochettino debut



Liverpool's Rio Ngumoha celebrates after scoring third goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Liverpool and Manchester United in Liverpool, England, Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026. (AP)

LIVERPOOL, England (Reuters) - The scale of Mauricio Pochettino's rebuilding job was laid bare on Sunday as Manchester United crashed to a 4-0 Premier League defeat at Liverpool, their first match under the Argentine unravelling within minutes.

Reduced to 10 men after eight minutes, United fell two goals behind within 13 minutes and never recovered as Liverpool cruised to victory through goals from Dominik Szoboszlai, Florian Wirtz, teenager Rio Ngumoha, and substitute Victor Munoz.

United's nightmare start to the Pochettino era could hardly have been worse as Leny Yoro was sent off for bringing down Alexander Isak, and the visitors paid the price moments later when Szoboszlai curled home the resulting free kick.

Liverpool doubled their lead three minutes later when Ngumoha beat Diogo Dalot and crossed for Wirtz, who finished with an acrobatic volley.

The Reds attacked in waves after the break and the 18-year-old Ngumoha added a third in the 66th minute, sweeping home a cross from Bradley Barcola to become the youngest player to score against United in the Premier League.

Substitute Munoz added to United's misery when he fired home a ball from Wirtz.

Liverpool climbed to fourth on 21 points, seven behind leaders Arsenal, while beleaguered United are 19th with just eight points and one victory to show from 11 games.

Meanwhile, host Hull City snatched a dramatic 2-0 victory over 10-man Brighton & Hove Albion through Oli McBurnie's stoppage-time goals on Sunday, denying Fabian Hurzeler's side the chance to close the gap on Premier League leaders Arsenal.

A win would have moved Brighton within three points of Arsenal after both the leaders and third-placed Manchester City dropped points on Saturday.

But the visitors were left stunned with McBurnie striking deep into added time and following it up with another to put his side 2-0 up at home.

Brighton controlled much of the game, with Yasin Ayari and Diego Gomez repeatedly troubling the Hull defence, while Pascal Gross dictated play from midfield.

Goalkeeper Konstantinos Tzolakis kept Hull in the contest with a series of fine saves. Brighton's task became harder when Joao Costinha was sent off after receiving a second yellow card late on.

Brighton remain second in the standings with 22 points, six points behind Arsenal.

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Third win for Garden Stars in Premier Division league

Garden Stars picked up their third win in four matches when the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) Premier Division League resumes on Saturday.

The Garden Stars surged to a 4-1 victory against struggling Old Road FC in the second game of a double-header at the Antigua Recreation Ground (ARG).

Ngozie Harvey struck twice with conversions in the 13th and 51st minutes, while the other goals for Garden Stars were scored by Jahred Williams in the 30th minute and Tarek Charles in the 49th minute.

Rakeem Joseph scored a consolation goal for Old Road FC by converting a penalty kick in the 78th minute.

Garden Stars finished the match with 10 players after Gerique George received a red card and was expelled in the 69th minute.

The result allows the Garden Stars to join the Cool and Smooth Greenbay Hoppers at the top of the 10-team premier division standings with nine points from four matches.

It left Old Road FC still searching for their first win and point after crashing to their fourth defeat in as many matches to remain in the cellar.

Auto Craze Pigotts Bullets and Green City FC battled to a 2-2 draw in Saturday's opening premier league encounter.

Sujae Mcbean put Pigotts Bullets ahead with a 20th-minute conversion, but Omarion Barrett scored an equalizer for Green City FC in the 41st minute as both teams reached halftime level at 1-1.

The Bullets regained the lead, taking a 2-1 advantage in the 63rd minute when Raheem Deterville converted a penalty kick.



Players of the Garden Stars starting XI

But for the second time in the match, Green City FC was able to draw level as Aquan Singh scored a 79th-minute equalizer to salvage a share of the points in the drawn encounter.

The result allows the Pigotts Bullets to advance to seven points after recording their first draw in four matches. Unbeaten Green City FC moves on to three points after salvaging their third draw in as many matches.

Meanwhile, Sea View Farm FC maintained their perfect start to surge to the top of the ABFA's Second Division League on Friday.

The Sea View Farm FC recorded their fifth win in as many matches by pulling off a 4-2 victory against Police FC at the Clare Hall playing field.

Nigel Graham struck twice in the second half with conversions in the 53rd and 80th minutes. The other goals for Sea View Farm FC were scored by Julius Raleigh in the 19th minute and Zafique Drew in the 63rd minute.

After Terrel Richards missed a penalty, Dimitri Scotland converted a penalty kick in the 48th minute, and John Francis scored in the 72nd minute for Police FC, which remains on three points after tumbling to their fourth consecutive defeat in five matches.

Point Westham FC prevailed 2-0 to end the unbeaten run of Real Blizzard at the New Winthorpes playing field. Jonte Wyre scored in the 22nd minute and Akeem Wilburg produced a 90th-minute conversion for Point Westham FC.

The result allows Real Blizzard to remain on 13 points after losing for the first time in six matches. Point Westham FC advanced to nine points after claiming their third win in five matches.

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