ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
POINTE EXPRESS
TRUSTED NEWS AND RESPECTED VIEWS

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2026 | VOLUME 10 ISSUE 87 | WWW.POINTVILLE.AG

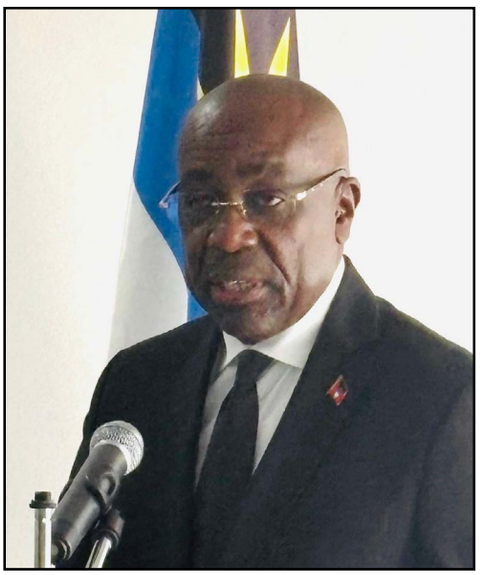
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mounts Important Workshop

Story on page 2



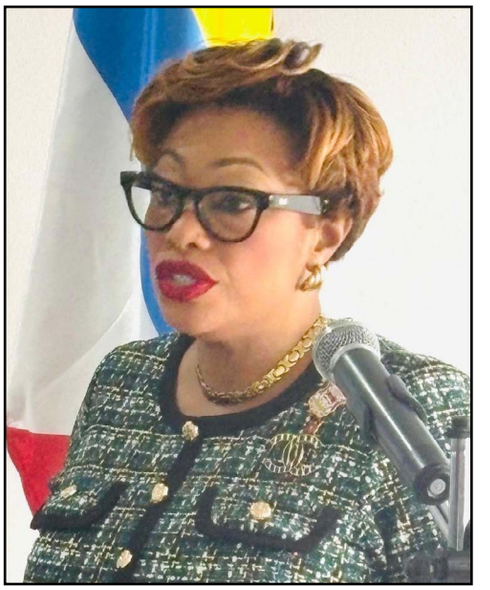
Top row: Foreign Affairs Minister E.P Chet Greene, PS Ministry of Foreign Affairs,Sharon Stevens and Director of International Trade, Joy-Marie King at the opening of the workshop organized by the ministry. Below: family photo of participants

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs convenes high-level workshop to translate productive capacities analysis into strategic national policy priorities



Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Immigration the Honourable E. P. Chet Greene





The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Immigration convened a National Policy-Level Workshop on ***Stronger and Greener Productive Capacities for Just Transitions in Antigua and Barbuda***, bringing together senior government officials, development partner and national stakeholders to examine strategic policy pathways for strengthening the country's productive base, advancing economic diversification and accelerating the transition towards a greener and more resilient economy.

The workshop, held under the project *On Stronger and Greener Productive Capacities for Just Transitions in Antigua and Barbuda*, represents an important phase in the Government's collaboration with the United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD). It builds on the technical capacity-building work undertaken on the statistical, methodological and computational aspects of UNCTAD's Productive Capacities Index (PCI) on 23 and 24 November,2026, with a view to translating the resulting evidence and analysis into actionable national policy priorities.

The opening ceremony brought together senior representatives of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, the United Nations system and UNC-











TAD, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening the institutional, economic and policy foundations necessary for sustainable structural transformation.

Serving as Chairperson and delivering the call to order, **Joy-Marie King, Director of International Trade and National Project Lead for Antigua and Barbuda**, underscored the strategic significance of the workshop as an opportunity to move beyond technical analysis towards meaningful policy outcomes. She emphasised that the success of the initiative would ultimately depend on the clarity of the priorities established and the determination to translate recommendations into action.

Ms. King stated that "the *measure of our success will not be the volume of discussion alone, but the clarity of the priorities we establish, the coherence of the recommendations we advance and the resolve with which we translate them into action."*

She further highlighted the importance of approaching productive transformation through coordinated national action, noting that the findings of the PCI must inform policy direction, institutional planning and investment priorities.

Delivering the opening remarks, **Ms. Sharon Stevens, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Immigration,** situated the initiative within Antigua and Barbuda's broader national development agenda. She emphasised that strengthening productive capacities is fundamental to building a more diversified, competitive and resilient economy, particularly in light of the structural constraints confronting small island developing States.

Mrs. Stevens highlighted the value of the PCI as a strategic instrument for identifying national strengths, diagnosing productive capacity gaps and informing evidence-based policy interventions.

She noted *"the real policy value of the Index lies in its capacity to inform national choices: to help identify where our productive strengths lie, where critical gaps persist, which capabilities require greater investment and how public policy can more effectively support structural transformation."*

She underscored the importance of ensuring that the application of the Index is aligned with Antigua and Barbuda's Medium-Term Development Strategy, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS) 2024–2034.

Delivering the featured address, **the distinguished Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Immigration the Honourable E. P. Chet Greene,** positioned the strengthening of productive capacities as a strategic imperative for national resilience, economic competitiveness and long-term prosperity.

The Minister observed that the development prospects of small island developing States cannot rest solely on the performance of existing economic sectors or their ability to recover from external shocks. Rather, sustainable resilience requires a deliberate transformation of the productive capabili-







ties underpinning economic activity.

He stated *"resilience must be built into the productive structure of our economy. It cannot be achieved through recovery and adaptation alone; it requires a deliberate transformation of the capabilities upon which our economic prosperity depends."*

The Minister emphasised that Antigua and Barbuda must pursue a more strategic approach to economic diversification, strengthening opportunities in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, agro-processing, fisheries, digital services, the creative industries and the wider blue economy.

He further highlighted the importance of ensuring that the transition towards greener production systems is inclusive and equitable, with particular attention to skills development, access to finance, technological advancement and the participation of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

The Minister also called for stronger policy coherence across government institutions, noting that productive transformation requires coordinated action across trade, investment, education, innovation, infrastructure, industrial development and environmental sustainability.

Addressing the workshop, **Ms. Andrea Andrew, National Representative of the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office**, reaffirmed the importance of the United Nations system's partnership with Antigua and Barbuda in advancing its sustainable development priorities. Her remarks highlighted the relevance of the initiative to the country's broader development efforts while strengthening national capacities to address structural development challenges.

Mr. Mussie Delelegn, Head of the UNCTAD Delegation, also delivered remarks, emphasising the importance of strengthening productive capacities as a foundation for structural transformation, economic diversification and sustainable development. He reaffirmed UNCTAD's commitment to supporting Antigua and Barbuda through technical cooperation and policy-oriented assistance, particularly in applying the PCI to identify development constraints and opportunities and inform national policy responses. He also took the opportunity to praise the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Antigua and Barbuda for the excellent hosting of the recently concluded Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

The workshop provided a platform for high-level policy dialogue on the implications of the PCI for national development planning. Discussions focused on identifying priority productive sectors, strengthening institutional coordination, mobilising investment, addressing structural constraints and ensuring that the transition towards greener production systems generates inclusive economic and social benefits.

The PCI offers a multidimensional framework for assessing the productive capacities that enable countries to achieve sustained economic growth, structural transformation and sustainable development. Its application provides Antigua and Barbuda with an important evidence base for identifying capacity gaps, assessing national strengths and determining where targeted policy interventions and investments may have the greatest impact.



The initiative is particularly relevant as the Government advances its Medium-Term Development Strategy, pursues the priorities of ABAS 2024–2034 and accelerate implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Strengthening productive capacities is central to these efforts, providing an important link between economic diversification, innovation, decent work, sustainable production and resilience-building.

The Government's engagement with UNCTAD reflects its continued commitment to evidence-informed policymaking, stronger institutional capacity and the development of a more diversified, competitive, greener and resilient economy.

Through this initiative, Antigua and Barbuda seeks to ensure that the assessment of its productive capacities moves beyond diagnosis towards strategic policy action, with the ultimate objective of strengthening national capabilities and securing more sustainable development outcomes for present and future generations.

Minister Johnson Marks Start of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Minister of State in the Ministry of Social and Urban Transformation, Kiz Johnson, has called on every part of Antiguan and Barbudan society to take up the fight against gender-based violence as the country joins the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, running from November 25 to December 10.

In a national address marking the start of the campaign, Minister Johnson said this year's theme, "UNiTE to End Violence Against Women and Girls: Ensure Justice, Protect Survivors, End Impunity," is a reminder that ending gender-based violence "cannot be the responsibility of Government alone." It takes every institution, every community and every individual, she said, to build a society where women and girls can live free from violence and fear.



Minister of State in the Ministry of Social and Urban Transformation, Kiz Johnson,

The Directorate of Gender Affairs officially launched the 2026 campaign at a press conference on Tuesday, November 24, bringing together representatives of the Directorate, law enforcement and civil society organisations to discuss how widespread gender-based violence is, what stops people from reporting it, and how survivors can reach support. Executive Director Jamie Saunders reported that 137 people accessed the Support and Referral Centre between January and October 2026, up from 98 in the same period last year, an increase of 40 per cent. Women made up 89 per cent of those seeking help, and 15 men came forward, up from eight.

On justice, Minister Johnson pointed to the continued strengthening of the country's legislative framework, including the Sexual Offences Bill, 2026, and the proposed Workplace Violence and Harassment (Prevention)





legislation. She said penalties must reflect the seriousness of these offences and serve as a deterrent. "Justice must not simply be an aspiration; it must be an experience that survivors can access and trust," she said.

On protecting survivors, the Minister noted that the Support and Referral Centre provides medical, legal and psychosocial support to more than 150 individuals annually and helps persons secure protection orders. She reminded the public that gender-based violence "does not discriminate according to social standing, educational background, profession or economic circumstances," and that someone we would never suspect may be suffering in silence.

Looking ahead to 2027, the Directorate is working towards Cabinet consideration of a Workplace Harassment and Discrimination Policy and approval of the National Gender Policy, which includes a comprehensive section on gender-based violence. The Directorate will also step up training and public education, including a workshop to strengthen the capacity of first responders to identify, respond to and support survivors with the sensitivity they deserve.

Minister Johnson called on faith-based organisations, civil society, schools, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, the private sector, community leaders, families, and men and boys to become active partners. She urged Antiguans and Barbudans to challenge victim-blaming, reject attitudes that normalise abuse, and teach children respect and healthy relationships.

Speaking directly to anyone living with abuse, she said: "You are not alone, you are not to blame, and help is available."

"Together, we can build an Antigua and Barbuda where every woman and girl is safe, valued, respected and free to reach her fullest potential," the Minister said.




Antigua Barbuda
FESTIVALS COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
9TH JAN
2027
8:00PM
NIGHT ONE
ONE
NATION
CARIBBEAN
MUSIC FESTIVAL
ONE PEOPLE ONE LOVE
KES THE BAND
GEN $100
ROOTS
ROCK
REGGAE
LOUNGE
$350
EARLY BIRD
ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND
CLICCASH
TICKET LOCATIONS:
EXOTIC ANTIGUA | ROTI KING | COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD, TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLICCASH OFFICE, ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD
ANTIGUACARNIVAL
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
1NATIONMUSICFESTIVAL

Statement for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women



Chaneil C. Imhoff, founder of WISH

Protect Our Women and Children. Empower Our Youth. End the Violence

Violence against women and girls is not inevitable. It is sustained by unequal power, harmful gender norms, silence and systems that too often fail survivors. Across the Caribbean, ending gender-based violence demands more than condemnation. It demands accountability, prevention, protection and action.

Adolescents and young people face sexual violence, exploitation, intimate partner violence, digital harassment and coercion. Fear, stigma, victim-blaming and threats often keep them silent. Violence robs young people of their safety, education, health, dignity and the freedom to shape their futures.

Survivors deserve more than sympathy. They deserve to be believed, protected, supported and able to access justice without discrimination, judgment or retraumatization. Access to comprehensive sexuality education (CSE), youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services, psychosocial care and safe reporting mechanisms must be a right, not a privilege.

"Ending violence requires us to listen to young people, respect their agency and create spaces where they can speak without fear and access support without judgment. We cannot talk about empowerment while denying young people the information, services and protection they need to make decisions about their lives," said Rev. Patricia Sheerattan-Bisnauth, CEO of CFPA.

CFPA is partnering with two youth-led organizations in this campaign: the Wadadli Initiative for Self-Care & Healing (WISH), leading the campaign in Antigua and Barbuda, and the Youth Advocacy Movement (YAM) of the Grenada Planned Parenthood Association.

Chaneil C. Imhoff, founder of WISH, said: "A young person should know who they can turn to before they ever need to ask for help. When someone tells us they've been harmed, how we respond matters. We can listen without blame, respect their privacy and help them reach support without making them tell their story over and over."

YAM Grenada advocates for youth empowerment through CSE and access to adolescent-friendly services, including law reform to remove barriers for young people aged 16 and over to independently access sexual and reproductive health information and services.

CFPA calls on governments, schools, families and communities to challenge harmful norms, engage men and boys, strengthen survivor support and meaningfully involve young people in decisions affecting their lives.

Every young person deserves safety, dignity, information and choice. Every survivor deserves justice and healing. Ending violence is everyone's responsibility.



Sir Ronald Sanders to address Commonwealth's future at London conference

Sir Ronald Sanders will deliver the keynote address at the Third Annual Conference on the Commonwealth of Nations at St Mary's University, Twickenham, London, on Friday, 27 November 2026. The conference's theme is "The Commonwealth and Geopolitics".

His address will examine the practical value the Commonwealth can offer in an increasingly fragmented international order, marked by major-power rivalry, threats to peace and mounting pressure on international rules and institutions. Particular attention will be given to how the association can strengthen the voice and resilience of small states, including small island developing states.



The conference is jointly organised by The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs and Policy Studies, St Mary's University, and the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the School of Advanced Study, University of London.

Sir Ronald brings more than four decades of Commonwealth experience as a diplomat, scholar and commentator. He has written extensively on the association since 1983 and participated in the Commonwealth's efforts to end apartheid in South Africa. He served two terms on the governing board of the Commonwealth Secretariat, from 1984 to 1987 and from 1996 to 2004.

He was also a member and Rapporteur of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group, which worked during 2010–2011 on proposals to reform and revitalise the association. Its report, A Commonwealth of the People: Time for Urgent Reform, was presented to Commonwealth Heads of Government in Perth, Australia, in October 2011.

Sir Ronald currently serves as Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States, and as Chancellor and Chair of the Council of the University of Guyana.



Business and government representatives converged for a day of training in Arbitration and Mediation.

Representatives from the private sector and government agencies met on Wednesday for a one-day workshop on Arbitration and Mediation hosted by the Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Arbitration is a form of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in which disputing parties agree to have a neutral arbitrator—often a member of the judiciary, or a trained Arbiter—hear their case and issue a binding decision outside of court. Arbiters are court appointed.

Delegates in the morning sessions heard first virtually from Dr. Marie-Camille Pitton, Secretary-General of the OHADAC Regional Arbitration Centre (CARO Centre), followed by Mr. Miles Weekes of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Caribbean Branch, and an in-person presentation from Mr. Satcha S-C S Kissoon, local Attorney-At-Law and Arbitration Expert. The morning session ended with delegates undertaking practical exercises in arbitration led by attorney Anaise Leray one of CARO's presenters.

The afternoon featured presentations from Mediation Attorney, Mrs. Tracy Benn-Roberts of Carib Resolve.

Mediation is a structured negotiation process guided by a neutral third party called a mediator. The mediator does **not** decide the case; instead, they facilitate communication, help clarify issues, and guide parties toward compromise.

The delegates took part in scenarios of case studies which needing to be settled through the process of mediation as practical exercises to cement knowledge gained for the day.

The Antigua and Barbuda Chamber





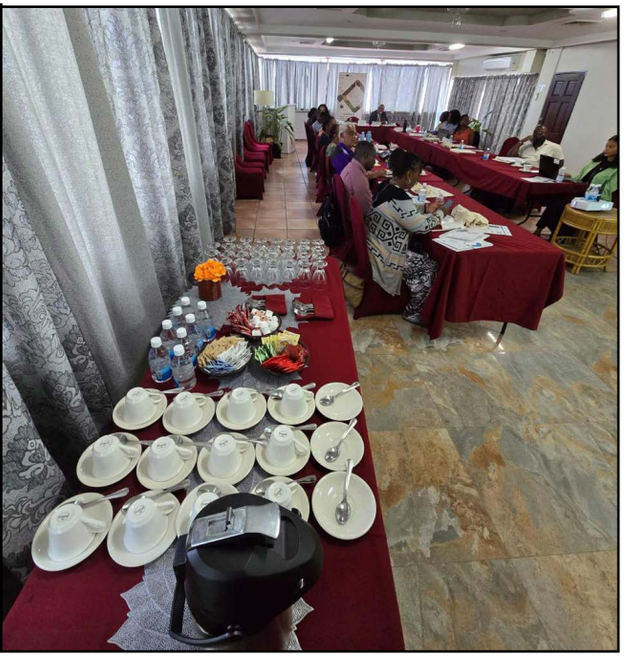












of Commerce was pleased to host Ms. Hilary Gedeon, CARO Coordinator and her team in bringing this much needed level of training, for the business and government communities as we seek to pursue less costly and more rapid alternatives to Dispute Resolution than the legislative route.

The delegates had high praises for the training from CARO, and some look forward to pursuing continued or in-depth training. The CARO team has planed additional meetings with stakeholders while on island and leave Antigua and Barbuda on Friday 27th November,

The OHADAC Regional Arbitration Centre (CARO Centre) is dedicated to promoting Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), particularly mediation and arbitration, throughout the Caribbean. Through its activities, the Centre seeks to strengthen legal certainty, facilitate commercial relations and contribute to a more favourable business environment by encouraging the use of efficient, accessible and business-oriented dispute resolution mechanisms.

In partnership with the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), the CARO Centre is currently implementing a capacity-building Programme for private sector stakeholders. Through a series of free training sessions, the Programme aims to raise awareness and strengthen the practical understanding of mediation and arbitration as effective tools for preventing disputes, managing commercial risks and resolving conflicts in a manner that is generally faster, confidential and more cost-effective than traditional court proceedings.

The Caribbean Council for the Blind (CCB-Eye Care Caribbean) takes this opportunity to share the organization's Strategic Priorities for 2026 and beyond

In 1911, more than 114 years ago, James Alves, a blind Guyanese, travelled across the (then) British colonies (by boats and horse-drawn carts); lobbying for blindness services.

By the end of the second World War, blind people from several English colonies in the "West Indies" begun lobbying the colonial authorities in London, for improved services.

In 1967, Organizations serving blind people in 11 countries and colonies, across the Caribbean, convened (in Trinidad, to form the Caribbean Council for the Blind. Over the past 59 years, CCB-Eye Care Caribbean, partnered with national authorities to advance services for Children, women and men, living with vision loss and blindness.

In the area of eye health, the Council: provided more than 25 Ophthalmology Scholarships; Facilitated establishment of 3 Optometry training programs; Joined PAHO-WHO and other international partners in providing in-service training to more than 4 hundred health-centre nurses. Further, CCB-Eye Care Caribbean, retrofitted more than 25 health facilities, to serve as eye clinics.

In Special Education: The Council funded and coordinated, development of education programs for blind children in 11 countries.

Additionally, CCB funded establishment of the Caribbean Braille and Large Print Unit across 14 locations in 11 countries. The organization provided full scholarships to 68 individuals to be trained as Teachers of the Blind.

In the area of services for adults living with severe vision loss and blindness, the Council:

Funded incubator programs to train blind people (from 8 countries) as Accessible Technology Instructors.

Provided financial and technical assistance to establish accessible IT labs in the 8 beneficiary countries and

funded training of more than 84 Blindness Services Technicians.

Today, there are more than 60 thousand people, living with blindness in the English-speaking CARICOM. More than 180 thousand (or 3%) of the population, live with severe loss of sight. 1 in every thousand children is blind and 3 in every thousand are living with severe loss of sight. Twice as many blind people live in Haiti.



CCB's strategic Priorities, summarises our continuation of the work, begun by James Alves 114 years ago. It will Place many of our programs online; Making them: Sustainable, more accessible, climate resilient and equitable. We must: prevent avoidable blindness; restore sight; and create opportunities, for people with vision loss or other disabilities.

Please view and share the 2026 Edition of our strategic priorities @ https://www.eyecarecaribbean.com/site/ecc/our-strategic-priorities-2026-and-beyond/

Arvel Grant, BSc. SW (Hons) DPA, MPH, CEO.

Public Health and International Development Specialist



Salty Dawg Rally Brings Nearly 300 Sailors to Antigua



Nearly 300 sailors have arrived in Antigua for this year's Salty Dawg Rally, with about half of the roughly 70 participating vessels making the trip to the island for the first time, Minister of State for Tourism Michael Freeland said.

Several dozen friends and relatives are also flying in to join the crews, Freeland said as he welcomed sailors from the United States, Grenada, Trinidad and elsewhere.

"Welcome home!" he told returning participants, joking that first-time visitors might have found their "second home."

"So, if you find yourselves extending your stay, changing your sailing itinerary or suddenly enquiring about property in Antigua, do not say that I did not warn you!" Freeland said.

The minister said the growth of yachting creates opportunities for businesses across the island, including marine service providers, restaurants and taxi operators. He urged sailors to venture beyond the marinas, visit local communities and sample Antiguan and Barbudan cuisine.

"We value the friendships you forge, the experiences you share and the stories you carry back to your respective countries," he said. "In many ways, you become ambassadors for Antigua and Barbuda."

Now in its ninth edition in Antigua, the rally grew out of a relationship that began in 2016, when Salty Dawg sailors started visiting the island. Freeland said the relationship became official the following year, after devastating hurricanes affected the British Virgin Islands and prompted a change in the rally's route.

"Sometimes, the most rewarding journeys are the ones we did not originally plan," Freeland said. "And while the winds may have brought you here, I would like to think that our people, our hospitality and the exceptional sailing experiences we offer are what keep bringing you back."

Freeland thanked the Salty Dawg Sailing Association for its continued confidence in Antigua and Barbuda and wished the crews "fair winds, following seas" and a compass that would always find its way back to the twin-island nation.



NOTICE: WORKS ON OPR



The Ministry of Works' Project Implementation Management Unit (PIMU) advises the general public that controlled traffic will continue to facilitate ongoing infrastructure repairs on major roads.

On Old Parham Road, asphalt repairs will proceed from 8:00 a.m. in the vicinity of the Government House Roundabout on Thursday 26th November, 2026 until completion of works.

Flag persons will be employed, and motorists are encouraged to follow all instructions to ensure a cautious and safe passageway, as heavy-duty equipment will be operating near the works.

All businesses remain open.

C.O. Williams Ltd. sincerely regrets the inconvenience. The road work is a part of the Second Road Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project being carried out by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

Stakeholders are asked to adjust their travel plans to allow for delays.

Telephone queries can be made by calling the C.O. Williams Project office at 562-9573.





DEWS

Build • Renovate • Improve

BLACK FRIDAY SALE

DRESSED TREATED LUMBER

2x4x12 Dressed Treated
2x4x14 Dressed Treated
2x4x18 Dressed Treated
2x6x14 Dressed Treated
2x6x18 Dressed Treated
2x8x12 Dressed Treated
2x8x14 Dressed Treated
2x8x18 Dressed Treated
4x4x16 Dressed Treated



ROUGH TREATED LUMBER

1x4x14
1x4x18



SIDING

1x8x16
1x6x14



STEEL ROD

3/8" Steel Rod
(296)



METAL STUDS & TRACKS

6" Studs @ 24 gauge
6" Tracks @ 18 gauge
3-5/8 tracks @ 24 gauge
1-5/8 tracks @ 24 gauge



STORE ITEMS INCLUDING:

Shower heads , Dog Food, Shovels and Much More!



NOVEMBER 20TH – NOVEMBER 27TH

WhatsApp:
729-3397 / 729-1210

Email:
info@dewspro.com

Dews

Great Deals. Top Quality. Always at Dews!


ONE NATION CARIBBEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL
ONE PEOPLE ONE LOVE
Antigua Barbuda FESTIVALS COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
10TH JAN 2027
6:00PM
NIGHT TWO
ROXY - BEVERLEY DANVERS - PSALMIST ROBYN
RICHIE PELLE - DAWN JNO-LEWIS
MELONNIE SADLER - MADELYN LEWIS
GEN $100
GLORY LOUNGE $250
EARLY BIRD
ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND
CLICCASH
TICKET LOCATIONS:
EXOTIC ANTIGUA | ROTI KING | COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD, TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLICCASH OFFICE, ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD
ANTIGUACARNIVAL
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
1NATIONMUSICFESTIVAL


Antigua Barbuda
FESTIVALS
COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
TICKET
OUTLETS
EXOTIC ANTIGUA
ROTI KING
COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD
TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLICCASH OFFICE
ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD
ONE PEOPLE ONE LOVE
ANTIGUACARNIVAL
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
1NATIONMUSICFESTIVAL


Antigua Barbuda
FESTIVALS COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
ADMISSION
FREE
ANTIGUA
Carnival
THE CARIBBEAN'S GREATEST SUMMER FESTIVAL
LAUNCH
Legendary 10
CARNIVAL CITY | 05 JAN 2027 | 6PM
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
ANTIGUA CARNIVAL


Antigua Barbuda
FESTIVALS COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
ONE NATION CARIBBEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL
ONE PEOPLE ONE LOVE
9TH JAN 2027
8:00PM
NIGHT ONE
POPCAAN - KES THE BAND - ANTHONY B
TIAN WINTER - CLAUDETTE PETERS
BURNING FLAMES
YOUNG LYRICS - YOUNG VICE - KID FRESH - EMPRESS
BALLO - SOCA VILLAN - ISLAND PRINCE - BLESS EYE
GEN $100
ROOTS ROCK REGGAE LOUNGE
$350
EARLY BIRD
ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND
CLICCASH
TICKET LOCATIONS:
EXOTIC ANTIGUA | ROTI KING | COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD, TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLICCASH OFFICE, ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD
ANTIGUACARNIVAL
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
1NATIONMUSICFESTIVAL


Antigua Barbuda
FESTIVALS COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
10TH JAN
2027
6:00PM
NIGHT TWO
1NE
NATION
CARIBBEAN
MUSIC FESTIVAL
ONE PEOPLE ONE LOVE
KEVIN DOWNSWELL
GEN $100
GLORY LOUNGE $250
EARLY BIRD
ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND
CLICCASH
TICKET LOCATIONS:
EXOTIC ANTIGUA | ROTI KING | COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD, TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLICCASH OFFICE, ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD
ANTIGUACARNIVAL
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
1NATIONMUSICFESTIVAL


Antigua Barbuda
FESTIVALS COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
1 NATION CARIBBEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL
ONE PEOPLE ONE LOVE
10TH JAN 2027
6:00PM
NIGHT TWO
ISLAND TRIBE COLLECTIVE
GEN $100
GLORY LOUNGE $250
EARLY BIRD
ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND
CLICCASH
TICKET LOCATIONS:
EXOTIC ANTIGUA | ROTI KING | COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD, TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLICCASH OFFICE, ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD
ANTIGUACARNIVAL
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
1NATIONMUSICFESTIVAL

A Safe Home, a Future of Her Own - Days 2 and 3 of 16 Days of Activism

A home should be a shelter from the rain, a place of comfort, never hidden pain. A woman's earnings should help her dreams take flight, not disappear beneath another's claimed right. As our Orange Series continues, two messages stand together, clear and strong: safety and independence are rights that belong. Day Two asks communities to confront domestic fear; Day Three asks what happens when financial freedom disappears.

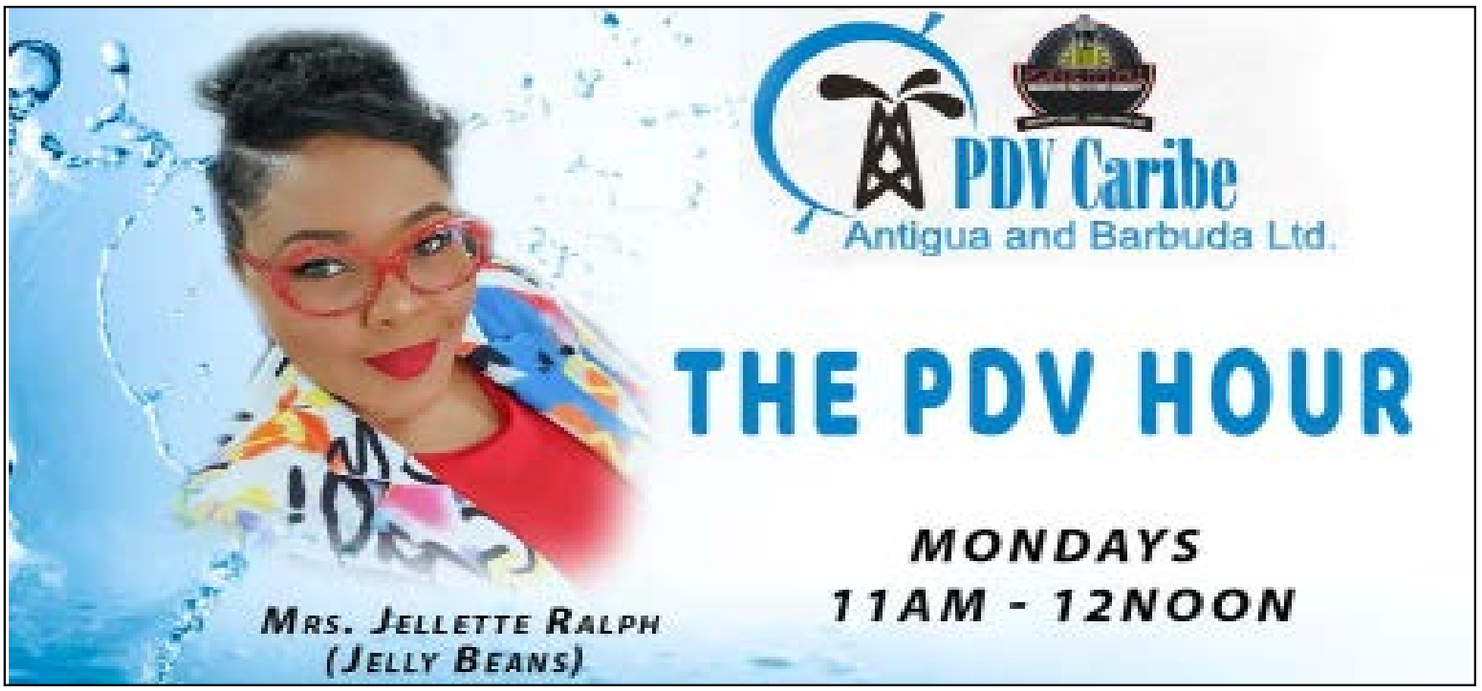


Behind a cheerful greeting, trouble sometimes stays, concealed beneath the routines of ordinary days. She takes the children to school, arrives at work on time, and answers every question with the familiar words, "Everything is fine." Yet home may hold a different tale, where threats grow loud and confidence grows frail. Abuse can live in insults, isolation and control, slowly taking pieces from a once hopeful soul.

Then money becomes another lock upon the door, leaving her with fewer choices than before. A partner takes her wages, questions every cent, or demands an explanation for everything she spent. He may discourage work, prevent her training, undermine her trade, then blame her for the dependence his own actions made. What looks like household budgeting from outside can become the chain that keeps her trapped inside.

These two days meet where safety needs a practical way through. A woman may know she deserves better and still ask what to do. Where will the children sleep? How will their meals be paid? Who will provide the transport when the next threat is made? We cannot simply tell her, "Leave," then turn and walk away; support must help make safety possible beyond today.

Across Antigua and Barbuda, compassion must become something we can see: a trusted conversation, a journey offered, a place where she can be. Let neighbours listen carefully, let





employers respond with care, and let community organisations help connect the support already there. Respect her decisions, protect what she confides, and remember that she understands the dangers living by her side. Support should strengthen her voice, never push her choice aside.

Economic empowerment means giving opportunity room to grow, through fair employment, useful training and the knowledge women need to know. Teach girls about savings, contracts, wages and debt; teach boys that earning money never makes another person theirs to get. Support women's businesses, value their skill and time, and challenge the belief that independence is somehow a crime. Partnership should make both lives stronger, with dignity running through its design.

Women with disabilities must be included from the start, with access built into every service, not added as an afterthought apart. A shelter needs accessible spaces; employment needs a fair and open door. Communication, transport and appropriate support can make choices possible once more. No woman should lose her freedom because assistance is hard to find; protection must respect her body, her decisions and her mind.

Good Humans 268 Inc. carries one mission through these days: safety for every woman and girl, expressed in practical ways. Let home hold peace, let earnings offer choice, and let every woman trust the value of her voice. From Antigua's communities to Barbuda's shore, let us build the conditions that make freedom more than something we wish for. Her safety is her right; her future is her own. No woman should have to face the journey alone.

Joshuanette Francis

Founder and President, Good Humans 268 Inc.

Mobile: +1 (268) 789 GOOD (4663)

Website: https://goodhumans268.org/

Tel 268 727 2120 or 268 463 5674



COMMENTARY: West Indies Cricket's Greatest Problem Is Not What Most People Think



By Garfield Joseph, MBA

For many Caribbean people, West Indies cricket is more than a game.

It is a memory.

It is gathering around a radio to listen to commentary. It is hearing stories about the exploits of Clive Lloyd, Sir Vivian Richards, Malcolm Marshall, Michael Holding, Joel Garner, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, and Brian Lara. It is remembering a time when a collection of small islands and territories came together under one flag and consistently defeated much larger and wealthier nations.

For an entire generation, the maroon cap represented excellence, confidence, pride, and Caribbean unity.

The West Indies were not merely participants in world cricket. They were the standard by which world cricket measured itself.

That is why the decline of West Indies cricket has been so difficult for Caribbean people to accept.

The disappointment goes beyond losing matches. It extends beyond rankings, statistics, and tournament results. For many supporters, the decline represents the loss of something that once united the region and gave Caribbean people a reason to stand a little taller on the world stage.

Looking Beyond the Scoreboard

Recently, I published a more detailed strategic analysis on LinkedIn entitled *"From Dominance to Decline: How West Indies Cricket Can Rise Again - A Strategic Management Framework for Returning West Indies Cricket to the Top Four in World Cricket."* The paper examined the issue through the lenses of governance, leadership, talent development, sports science, data analytics, organizational culture, and long-term strategic planning.

One conclusion stood out above all others:

The decline of West Indies cricket is fundamentally a systems challenge rather than a talent challenge.

That conclusion may surprise some people.

After all, talent has never been in short supply throughout the Caribbean.

Even today, the region continues to produce exciting and naturally gifted cricketers. Our players remain among the most athletic and entertaining in the world. Time and again, Caribbean players demonstrate that they possess the skill, ability, and flair to compete successfully at the highest levels of the game.

If talent is not the problem, why have the results been so inconsistent?

The answer lies in understanding the difference between talent and systems.

Talent wins matches. Systems win championships.

What Made West Indies Cricket Great?

During the glory years of West Indies cricket, success was never built on talent alone.

Behind every great batsman, fast bowler, and captain stood a culture that demanded excellence. Young players knew exactly what it meant to represent the West Indies. Leadership was strong. Competition for places was intense. Expectations were clear. Accountability existed throughout the structure.

There was also a pathway.

A young cricketer could move from school cricket to club cricket, regional cricket, and eventually international cricket within a system that was widely understood and respected.

The system worked.

It consistently transformed talent into performance and performance into victories.

What Changed?

Over time, many of these strengths began to weaken.

The global cricket landscape evolved rapidly. New cricketing nations emerged. Franchise tournaments expanded. Professional sport became increasingly dependent on technology, sports science, performance analytics, specialist coaching, and sophisticated high-performance programmes.

Meanwhile, the Caribbean often found itself grappling with governance disputes, administrative challenges, inconsistent development pathways, limited high-performance infrastructure, and recurring debates about the direction of the game.

While other nations were investing heavily in the future, the West Indies were often attempting to manage decline.

The results have been predictable.

Lessons From the World's Best

When countries such as Australia, India, and England are examined closely, their success is not simply a reflection of better players.

Their success is often the result of stronger systems.

Australia has invested for decades in player development, leadership programmes, and high-performance structures. India has built one of the most extensive talent identification and development networks in world sport. England responded to major setbacks by redesigning its approach to coaching, player development, and performance management.

None of these countries rely on talent alone.

They develop systems designed to consistently produce excellence.

That is the lesson the Caribbean must embrace.

The future of West Indies cricket will not be secured by finding the next Brian Lara, Viv Richards, Curtly Ambrose, or Malcolm Marshall. Extraordinary players can inspire success, but they cannot sustain it on their own.

Sustainable excellence requires governance, leadership, coaching, sports science, analytics, talent development programmes, and a culture that expects high performance.

A Lesson Beyond Cricket

In many respects, the challenge facing West Indies cricket mirrors challenges faced by businesses, governments, schools, churches, and community organizations across the Caribbean.

When performance declines, our first instinct is often to change people. We look for a new manager, a new leader, a new board, or a new team.

Sometimes those changes are necessary.

However, strong individuals cannot consistently overcome weak systems.

Eventually, weak systems undermine even the best people.

Conversely, strong systems allow ordinary people to achieve extraordinary results.

This principle applies to cricket, public service, private enterprise, education, and virtually every area of national development.

Reasons for Optimism

Despite the challenges, there is good reason to be hopeful.

The Caribbean still possesses many advantages. We have a proud cricketing heritage. We have talented athletes. We have passionate supporters. We have experienced former players who understand what excellence looks like. We have governments, sponsors, and institutions capable of supporting meaningful reform.

The foundation for future success already exists.

What remains is the willingness to think long term.

The region must invest in youth academies, coaching development, sports science, leadership development, performance analytics, and stronger pathways from youth cricket to the international level. More importantly, it must establish a shared vision of what West Indies cricket should look like over the next decade.

Rebuilding West Indies cricket will require patience, discipline, and commitment. It will require moving beyond short-term fixes and focusing on the development of a modern, world-class cricket system.

The Real Question

The Caribbean does not lack talent.

It does not lack passion.

It does not lack history.

What it lacks is a modern, unified system capable of transforming potential into sustained excellence.

The encouraging news is that systems can be built. Organizations can be reformed. Cultures can be renewed.

The history of sport is filled with examples of once-great teams that returned to prominence because they chose transformation over nostalgia, discipline over excuses, and long-term planning over short-term reactions.

West Indies cricket can do the same.

The road back will not be easy, and it will not happen overnight. But if the region is prepared to invest in leadership, governance, talent development, sports science, and high-performance systems, there is every reason to believe that future generations can once again witness the West Indies competing consistently among the very best teams in world cricket.

The question is not whether the Caribbean has the talent.

History has already answered that question.

The real question is whether we have the vision, commitment, and collective will to build the system that talent deserves.

About the Author

Garfield Joseph is the Executive Director of a public sector organization in Antigua and Barbuda, where he is responsible for translating government policy and national objectives into operational action. His work spans strategic execution, financial oversight, and stakeholder engagement.

He has also served as an Adjunct Lecturer at the University of the West Indies Five Islands Campus, teaching Business Strategy and Policy and Business, Government and Society.

He writes a weekly commentary exploring issues that affect everyday life in Antigua and Barbuda, including business, entrepreneurship, public service, leadership, and personal responsibility. His goal is to inform, provoke thought, and contribute to meaningful dialogue on issues that shape individuals, organizations, and communities.


ROYAL POLICE FORCE OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
RECRUITMENT DRIVE & OPEN DISPLAY
JOIN THE ROYAL POLICE FORCE OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
SERVE. PROTECT. LEAD.
Are you ready to serve your country, protect your community, and make a difference?
Friday, 27 November 2026
Market Street
(near St. John's Police Station)
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Be between the ages of 18 and 35
Have at least three (3) CSEC subjects, including English, or an equivalent qualification
Be physically and mentally fit for service
Possess strong moral character and integrity
WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE OPEN DISPLAY
Speak with recruitment officers
View and learn about our specialized units, equipment and vehicles
Get information on the application process, fitness and selection requirements
Have your questions answered
APPLY ONLINE NOW!
police.gov.ag/start-here/
For inquiries, contact the Recruitment Office at +1-268-462-0125.
#RPFAB #RecruitmentDrive2026 #OpenDisplay #ServeProtectLead


Antigua Barbuda
FESTIVALS COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
9TH JAN
2027
8:00PM
NIGHT ONE
ONE
NATION
CARIBBEAN
MUSIC FESTIVAL
ONE PEOPLE ONE LOVE
BURNING FLAMES
GEN $100
ROOTS
ROCK
REGGAE
LOUNGE
$350
EARLY BIRD
ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND
CLICCASH
TICKET LOCATIONS:
EXOTIC ANTIGUA | ROTI KING | COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD, TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLICCASH OFFICE, ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD
ANTIGUACARNIVAL
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
1NATIONMUSICFESTIVAL


Antigua Barbuda
FESTIVALS COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
10TH JAN 2027
6:00PM
NIGHT TWO
ONE NATION CARIBBEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL
ONE PEOPLE ONE LOVE
ISRAEL & NEW BREED
GEN $100
GLORY LOUNGE $250
EARLY BIRD
ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND
CLICCASH
TICKET LOCATIONS:
EXOTIC ANTIGUA | ROTI KING | COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD, TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLICCASH OFFICE, ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD
ANTIGUACARNIVAL
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
1NATIONMUSICFESTIVAL


Antigua Barbuda
FESTIVALS COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
10TH JAN
2027
6:00PM
NIGHT TWO
1 NATION
CARIBBEAN
MUSIC FESTIVAL
ONE PEOPLE ONE LOVE
SHERWIN GARDNER
GEN $100
GLORY LOUNGE $250
EARLY BIRD
ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND
CLICCASH
TICKET LOCATIONS:
EXOTIC ANTIGUA | ROTI KING | COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD, TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLICCASH OFFICE, ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD
ANTIGUACARNIVAL
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
1NATIONMUSICFESTIVAL

Cuba Says No Talks Planned with US Amid Economic Crisis



Cuba says there are currently no negotiations underway with the United States and no plans for future talks, although Havana remains willing to maintain contact with American officials.

Foreign Minister Bruno Rodríguez made the comments as the country faces a worsening economic and energy crisis, with fuel shortages and power outages disrupting daily life across the island.

Rodríguez said the US trade embargo caused approximately 8.083 billion US dollars in economic damage between March 2025 and February 2026, representing a seven per cent increase from the previous year.

The Cuban government has blamed US sanctions and restrictions on fuel supplies for worsening conditions. The ongoing crisis has affected businesses, transportation and households, while prolonged power cuts have left residents struggling to carry out everyday activities.

Meanwhile, the Trump administration has continued its economic pressure on Cuba, citing concerns about the country's government and human rights record. The continued restrictions have added to tensions between the two countries.

The US State Department had not immediately responded to Rodríguez's comments.

Despite the lack of formal negotiations, Cuba says it remains open to communication with Washington. However, with no future talks planned, uncertainty remains over whether the two countries will find common ground and improve their strained relationship.

For now, Cuba continues to face serious economic challenges, while relations with the United States remain tense and the possibility of renewed dialogue remains uncertain.

FOR SALE

One 30KVA open set Generator with 200amp Automatic Transfer Switch. $40.000.00ec.

THE ELECTRIC CONNECTION.
PAYNTERS.
Telephone: 462-6615 Or 727-0300

POINT EXPRESS
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
TRUSTED NEWS AND RESPECTED VIEWS

Regional News

PAGE 31

Mother Seeks Overseas Medical Care for Injured 13 Year Old Son



The mother of a 13 year old boy who was seriously injured in an attack at his home in West Prospect, Bog Walk, St. Catherine Jamaica, is making a desperate appeal for help as she tries to raise the money needed to send her son overseas for critical medical treatment.

The young boy remains in hospital following the attack, while his mother faces the difficult task of finding the funds to get him the specialised care she believes he needs.

Speaking with reporter Kirk Wright, the mother shared the family's situation as she continues to search for a way to secure overseas medical attention for her son.

With her child still hospitalised, the mother is focused on raising enough money to cover the cost of transporting him abroad and accessing the necessary medical services. However, meeting these expenses has become an added challenge as the family tries to deal with the situation.

The mother is now appealing for assistance, hoping that support from members of the public will help her reach the amount needed to move forward with her son's treatment.

The situation has placed the family in a difficult position, as they work to find the resources needed while the 13 year old continues to receive care in hospital.

For the mother, the priority is getting her son the medical attention he needs. She is hoping that people who hear her story will be willing to offer assistance during this difficult period.

As the boy remains in hospital, the family's appeal continues, with the hope that the necessary funds can be raised to make overseas treatment possible.

The mother is urging anyone who may be able to help to consider supporting the effort, as she continues to seek the means to get her son the care he needs.

GENERATOR RENTALS

GENERATORS FOR RENT

150KVA 3Phase 3wire.120/240v.
50KVA 3Phase 3wire 120/240v.

CONTACT:
THE ELECTRIC CONNECTION.
PAYNTERS.
Telephone: 462-6615 Or 727-0300

Fatal Shooting in Babonneau Sparks Appeal for Peace

A 46 year old man from Garrand, Babonneau, has been shot and killed, bringing Saint Lucia's known homicide count for 2026 to 58, according to reports published on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified by police as Reifer St. Edward, a resident of Garrand.

The Royal Saint Lucia Police Force said officers at the Babonneau Police Station received a report of the shooting at approximately 8:28 p.m. on Monday, November 23.

St. Edward suffered a gunshot wound and was taken to the Owen King European Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

Police say investigations are continuing, and a post mortem examination is expected to be carried out at a later date.

Following the fatal shooting, attention has also turned to the need to prevent further violence in communities.

A community voice is urging young people to value their lives and consider peaceful ways of dealing with disagreements. The message is that conflicts should be handled through communication and dialogue rather than violence.

The appeal comes as families and communities continue to face the effects of deadly incidents. Beyond the loss of life, homicides can leave loved ones grieving and create fear and concern among residents.

Young people are being encouraged to think carefully before reacting in anger and to recognise that disagreements do not have to end in violence.

The message also highlights the importance of speaking through problems, seeking help when conflicts arise, and choosing peaceful solutions whenever possible.

Meanwhile, police are asking anyone with information that could assist the investigation into St. Edward's death to contact the Major Crimes Unit at 456-3754 Anonymous information can also be provided by calling 555, the Crime Hotline, or through the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force Crime Hotline application.



As investigations continue, the appeal for peace serves as a reminder of the importance of protecting life and finding better ways to resolve conflict.

FOR SALE

One 30KVA open set Generator with 200amp Automatic Transfer Switch. $40.000.00ec.

THE ELECTRIC CONNECTION.
PAYNTERS.
Telephone: 462-6615 Or 727-0300

US Proposes New Tariffs on 14 Economies

The United States has proposed new tariffs on 14 economies, including China and the European Union, following an investigation into concerns about excess production.

The announcement was made on Wednesday as President Donald Trump continues efforts to reshape America's trade relationships and protect local industries. The proposed tariffs could reach up to 20 per cent, depending on the economy and the measures eventually approved.

A senior US official said the investigation found that some economies were producing more goods than market demand required. Washington argues that these practices could create unfair competition for American manufacturers and put pressure on local businesses.

The proposed tariffs are intended to encourage fairer trading conditions and support production within the United States. However, the measures could also affect companies that export goods to the American market.

Tariffs are taxes placed on imported products. When these taxes increase, businesses may face higher costs, which could eventually lead to higher prices for consumers. The proposals could also create further tension between the United States and its trading partners.

The affected economies may raise concerns about the possible impact on their exports and business relationships with Washington. For now, the proposed tariffs have not taken effect, as the measures must undergo further review before a final decision is made.

The announcement marks another step in the Trump administration's efforts to change US trade policy, with the outcome likely to be closely watched by businesses and governments around the world.





Nigeria's Borgu District Struggles After Deadly Communal Attacks



Residents of Borgu district in Niger State, north central Nigeria, are struggling to recover after deadly communal attacks over the weekend left dozens of people dead.

The violence affected several communities, leaving families grieving for loved ones and residents concerned about their safety. Reports indicate that homes were also burned during the attacks, adding to the difficulties facing people in the affected areas.

Community representatives reported that 64 people were killed in the attacks and subsequent revenge killings. However, the full extent of the violence and the final death toll remain unclear.

The attacks are believed to be linked to growing tensions between local communities. The violence has raised fresh concerns about security in the region, where residents have faced threats from armed groups and repeated incidents of violence.

Authorities have moved additional security personnel into the district in an effort to restore calm and prevent further attacks. Residents are now hoping for greater protection as they assess the damage and begin dealing with the loss of family members and property.

The latest violence highlights the continuing security challenges facing parts of Nigeria, where communal disputes and attacks by armed groups have resulted in deaths, displacement and growing fear among residents.

Authorities continue to face pressure to improve security and ensure that those responsible for the attacks are held accountable.



Norse Atlantic Airways Faces Financial Crisis as Shares Hit Record Low

Norwegian budget airline Norse Atlantic Airways has warned that its financial situation is critical and that it needs new funding to continue operating.

The announcement was made on Wednesday after rising fuel costs placed further pressure on the airline. Following the news, its shares fell by 76 per cent, reaching an all time low.

The airline is now in talks with selected parties to secure short-term financing. It is also considering a possible takeover or merger as it explores ways to improve its financial position.

Norse Atlantic has been affected by soaring jet fuel prices linked to the conflict involving the United States, Israel and Iran. The rising costs have forced the airline to reduce the number of flights it operates.

The company has also explored leasing some of its Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft to other airlines as a way to generate income.

However, Norse Atlantic has warned that there is no guarantee its discussions will lead to a successful financial solution. The company has not said how long it can continue operating without additional funding.

The crisis comes at a difficult time for smaller airlines, which often face high operating costs and increased pressure during the winter travel season.





The airline's future now depends on whether it can secure the funding needed to meet its immediate financial obligations and maintain its operations. The situation is also raising concerns about the challenges facing budget carriers competing in the long-distance travel market.




ANTIGUA
Carnival
THE CARIBBEAN'S GREATEST SUMMER FESTIVAL
Legendary 10
JULY 20TH - AUGUST 3RD 2027
ANTIGUA CARNIVAL
@ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL


Antigua Barbuda
FESTIVALS COMMISSION
CIU
CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
The beach is just the beginning...
9TH JAN
2027
8:00PM
NIGHT ONE
ONE
NATION
CARIBBEAN
MUSIC FESTIVAL
876
GUD
ONE PEOPLE ONE LOVE
POPCAAN
GEN $100
ROOTS
ROCK
REGGAE
LOUNGE
$350
EARLY BIRD
ANTIGUA RECREATION GROUND
CLICCASH
TICKET LOCATIONS:
EXOTIC ANTIGUA | ROTI KING | COOL & SMOOTH
MENS WORLD, TOWN HOUSE PLAZA
CLICCASH OFFICE, ROYAL PALM, FRIARS HILL RD
ANTIGUACARNIVAL
ANTIGUAFESTIVALSOFFICIAL
1NATIONMUSICFESTIVAL

Mixed fortunes for Island Academy in Inter-Private Primary School Tourney



The Island Academy's first team

The Island Academy had mixed fortunes during the latest round of matches in the Second Annual Inter-Private Primary School Basketball Tournament at the JSC Sports Complex.

The Island Academy's first team notched up their second win in as many games by prevailing 26-19 against Grace Christian Academy.

Elysian Richardson had eight points and two steals, Caleb Holder produced seven steals, four points, and three rebounds, and Taylon Martin also scored four points for the Island Academy's first team.

Brandon Jonas sank six and claimed three steals, Kyrie Nicholas grabbed six rebounds and converted four points, and Sheyonne Roberts also scored four points for Grace Christian Academy, who lost for the second time in three matches.

But the Island Academy's second team lost for the second time in as many games, crashing to a 16-42 defeat against St. John's Catholic Primary.

Eli Douglas dominated with a game-high 20 points, while Jarell Forde and Collin Francis each scored six points for St. John's Catholic Primary to record their first win after losing their previous two matches.

Charbel Betar sank 14 points, and Keyonna Fleming scored two points for the second team of Island Academy.

The second Annual Inter-Private Primary Schools Basketball Tournament will resume at the JSC Sports Complex on Saturday, November 28.

The Island Academy's first team will take on the Island Academy's second team at 10 am. The St. John's Catholic Primary will clash with unbeaten St. John's Lutheran Primary at 11 am.

Dottin returns as Windies chase ICC Women's Championship points against Pakistan

Deandra Dottin returns to a settled West Indies Women squad for the home series against Pakistan at Windsor Park, Dominica, where three One-Day Internationals (ODIs) count towards automatic qualification for the 2029 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup.

Cricket West Indies (CWI) has named one 15-member squad for both legs of the series, with Hayley Matthews as captain and Chinelle Henry as vice-captain. The series opens with three T20 Internationals (T20Is) from December 8 to 12, followed by three ODIs from December 15 to 20.

Dottin, one of the most experienced players in the West Indies set-up, is the only change from the squad that toured Zimbabwe in September and October. She comes in for Ashmini Munisar, who remains unavailable through injury.

The second half of the series carries significant weight, with the three ODIs forming part of the ICC Women's Championship, through which the seven highest-ranked teams and the host nation qualify automatically for the 2029 World Cup.

The West Indies are currently fourth in the Championship on 12 points from 12 matches, level with Australia and Sri Lanka, while Pakistan are fifth on 10 points from nine matches. The Maroon Warriors therefore go into the ODI series seeking to strengthen their position in the table.

West Indies have already qualified for the 2028 ICC Women's T20 World Cup thanks to their semi-final finish at the tournament in England and Wales earlier this year, allowing the team to use the three T20Is, which count towards the ICC Women's T20I rankings, to stay sharp ahead of the ODIs.



Deandra Dottin

Acknowledging the significance of the series, CWI Director of Cricket Miles Bascombe said, "Every Championship point counts on the road to the 2029 World Cup, and these three ODIs at home are an important part of that. Our place at the 2028 T20 World Cup is secured, so qualification for the 50-over World Cup is our focus. Our aim is to win the ODI series, and we have a squad that has shown it can do that."

Beyond Dottin's return, the squad keeps the core that has performed consistently through 2025 and 2026, featuring an aggressive top order, an adaptable middle order, depth in the lower-order batting, and a bowling group with spin strength and a pace attack that can adapt to all conditions and phases of the game.

Eboni Brathwaite, who is also preparing with the Under-19 group ahead of January's World Cup, continues in the senior squad. Andre Coley, former West Indies Men's Test Head Coach, leads the team on an interim basis, working alongside the existing support staff.

Coley said, "I look forward to working with the players and support staff to build on what they have accomplished across 2025 and so far for 2026. It will be important for us to continue our good showing in T20Is, investing in emerging talent, and earn Championship points in our bid to qualify for the next 50-over World Cup. We are going into the series with a sharpened focus as we start our preparations."

West Indies Women's Squad vs Pakistan: Hayley Matthews (captain), Chinelle Henry (vice-captain), Aaliyah Alleyne, Eboni Brathwaite, Shemaine Campbelle, Jahzara Claxton, Deandra Dottin, Afy Fletcher, Jannillea Glasgow, Realeanna Grimmond, Shawnisha Hector, Zaida James, Mandy Mangru, Karishma Ramharack, and Stafanie Taylor.

Team Management Unit (TMU): Andre Coley (Interim Head Coach); Team Manager Sheena Gooding; Assistant Coach Ryan Austin; Assistant Coach Ramesh Subasinghe; Assistant Coach Shane Dowrich; Physiotherapist Ashley Stephens; Strength & Conditioning Coach Hector Martinez; Performance Coach Dr. Nadine Sammy; and Media & Content Officer John Phillips.



NBA plans 10 billion euro push for Europe basketball arenas

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The National Basketball Association (NBA) said on Wednesday it plans to help mobilise at least €10 billion (US$10.97 billion) for new and renovated basketball arenas and surrounding entertainment districts across Europe as it prepares to launch a new league with world governing body FIBA in 2027.

The initiative would bring together major global investors including Apollo Sports Capital, Ares Management, KKR-owned Arctos, Blackstone, HPS Investment Partners, J.P. Morgan, Sixth Street, and Stonepeak.

The NBA said the programme is separate from its process of selecting investors to own teams in the proposed European competition. Instead, it is intended to provide prospective clubs and ownership groups access to long-term capital and the league's experience in developing modern venues.

The plans come as the NBA seeks to capitalise on Europe's strong basketball fan base by creating a commercially powerful, continent-wide competition. The league has been in discussions with potential club owners and partners for the venture, which would operate alongside FIBA.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said modern arenas and related development projects could help teams strengthen their businesses while improving the experience for spectators.

"We see a significant opportunity to help clubs develop facilities which both build on the unique traditions that define European basketball while also elevating the fan experience and attracting many more live events," Silver said in a statement.

The investors said they saw scope to invest billions of euros in venues and wider infrastructure projects in European cities.

Depending on local conditions, projects could extend beyond arenas to include housing, offices, restaurants, shops and public spaces, the NBA said. The venues would be designed to operate as year-round destinations, hosting concerts and other events in addition to basketball.

Many major European cities lack indoor arenas with the capacity, hospitality facilities and media infrastructure common in North American professional sports, the NBA said.

The eventual scale and financing structure of each project would depend on local economics, partners and development opportunities. The NBA said it expected aggregate capital commitments to exceed €10 billion over time as more investors join the group.

A study by The Sports Consultancy, cited by the NBA, estimated that the new league could add more than €24 billion in gross value across Europe over its first decade, support almost 15,000 full-time-equivalent jobs annually and attract nearly 70 million spectators. The projections include economic activity tied to new or refurbished arenas.

The NBA said it would continue talks with interested investors, developers and clubs while finalising the initiative.

Japan's Tashima vows to serve only one term if elected FIFA president



Kozo Tashima

TOKYO (Reuters) - Japanese soccer official Kozo Tashima said on Wednesday that he would serve just one term if he can unseat Gianni Infantino as FIFA president, and would use those four years to reform the world soccer governing body's decision-making process.

Japan Football Association honorary president Tashima announced this month that he would run against Infantino, who has come under fire for an aborted attempt to sell off a stake in tournaments including the World Cup.

The election, set to be held in March next year, will be the first time since he won the post in 2016 that Infantino will face a challenger after being reelected unopposed in 2019 and 2023.

Speaking through an interpreter at a press conference in Tokyo, Tashima said he was still drawing up his manifesto.

"As for the candidacy, however, I would like to state that I do only plan, even if I am successful, to take on the presidency for one term for four years."

He said he would focus on "making necessary changes in the governance of FIFA," especially its decision-making process, and on making it more transparent.

Since it was founded in 1904, FIFA has had nine presidents, of whom six served for over 10 years, with Frenchman Jules Rimet holding the position for 33 years between 1921 and 1954.

The governing body's executive committee in 2015 approved a programme of reforms that limited presidents to a maximum of 12 years in charge, following a corruption scandal that involved several top officials.

Tashima and Infantino are two of three candidates for the election, with French Football Federation President Philippe Diallo also announcing a challenge with the backing of European governing body UEFA.

Diallo said at a press conference this month that he would reach out to Tashima to "unite forces" and his Japanese counterpart was open to the idea of working together to avoid splitting the anti-Infantino vote.

Tashima, 69, said he had already spoken with Diallo by telephone and hoped to meet with him in person in Europe soon.

He said the two men were heading in the same direction on FIFA and could work together if their strategies aligned, though further talks might also reveal more differences.

The main goal, he said, was to work out how "we can normalize FIFA or bring it back onto the right track."

AUCTION NOTICE

REGISTRATION	SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
PARES	24	2488A	241

Instructed by ACB MORTGAGE AND TRUST COMPANY LIMITED, We shall sell by PUBLIC AUCTION on Friday the 27th day of November 2026 at 1:00pm the above residential property at Pares.

The property is under the ownership of FERN STEWART-DYER. The land is a 0.16 acre plot with a single storey reinforced concrete building with 3-bedrooms and 2-bathrooms.

The property is in residential development with a gentle slope from its southern boundary toward the northern end of the property. It is covered with a grass lawn.

The Auction shall be held on site.

Details of the Auction may be obtained from Trevor "Teddy" Santos Inc., at telephone numbers: 562-7653 and 464-7653.

Dated this the 06th day of November 2026

Trevor "Teddy" Santos Inc.

Licensed Auctioneer

Sports
THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2026
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA POINT EXPRESS
TRUSTED NEWS AND RESPECTED VIEWS

Swetes Vipers stay unbeaten in ABFA's First Division

The Swetes Vipers extended their unbeaten run in the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association's (ABFA) First Division League on Tuesday.

The Swetes Vipers notched up their fourth win in as many games by surging to a 4-1 victory over Jets Football Academy at the St. Johnstone's Village Stadium.

Shalon Knight had a double conversion with strikes in the 48th and 83rd minutes, while the other goals for the Swetes Vipers were scored by Makhai Browne in the second minute and John O'Garro in the 16th minute.

Kavon Younge scored a consolation goal for the Jets Football Academy, which remains on seven points after slumping to their first defeat in four matches.

The Swetes Vipers remain in third place by advancing to 12 points. Unbeaten Empire FC currently leads the 13-team standings with 14 points from six matches, while the Ottos Rangers, who are also unbeaten, are in second place with 13 points from five encounters.

The Young Lions also retained their position in fourth place, advancing to 10 points after recording their third win in five matches by snatching a 2-1 victory against Jennings United at the Old Road playing field.

Goals by Tarrik Carty in the seventh minute and Zavier Joseph in the 11th minute gave the Young Lions a two-nil lead at halftime.

Dante Isaac reduced the deficit with a 61st-minute conversion for Jennings United, who remain third from the bottom of the standings with three points after crashing to their fourth consecutive defeat in five matches.



English Harbour FC and Five Islands FC picked up their first win on Tuesday. Following a goalless first half, English Harbour FC scored five times in the second half to surge to a 5-0 victory over SAP FC at the English Harbour playing field.

Akeem Weeks had a double conversion with strikes in the 49th and 69th minutes. The other goals were scored by Jaquon Watts in the 74th, Clarence Marsh in the 76th, and Delroy Simpson in the 82nd minute.

The result allows English Harbour FC to move into sixth place with six points from five matches. SAP FC dropped from sixth to seventh place with five points after succumbing to their third loss in six matches.

Five Islands FC advanced to four points after recording their first win in six matches with a 4-1 drubbing of Willikies FC at the ABFA Technical Center.

Daniel Williams struck a hat trick with strikes in the first, 10th, and 38th minutes, while teammate Jamal Joseph scored in the 40th minute to give Five Islands FC a 4-0 lead at halftime.

Jason Harris scored a consolation goal in the 60th minute for Willikies FC. Both teams finished the game with 10 men, with each side having a player expelled after receiving red cards.

Aquez Singh of Five Islands FC was sent off in the 84th minute, and Jawan Locker of Willikies FC was dismissed in the 90th minute.

The result allows Willikies FC to remain second from the bottom of the standings with one point after tumbling to their fourth defeat in five matches.

Editor: Everton Barnes. Published by Pointville Communications, Lower North Street, St. John's, Antigua
Tel: (268) 562-4989 Editorials and Reporting: evertonbarnes@gmail.com; advertising: Sales@pointville.ag.