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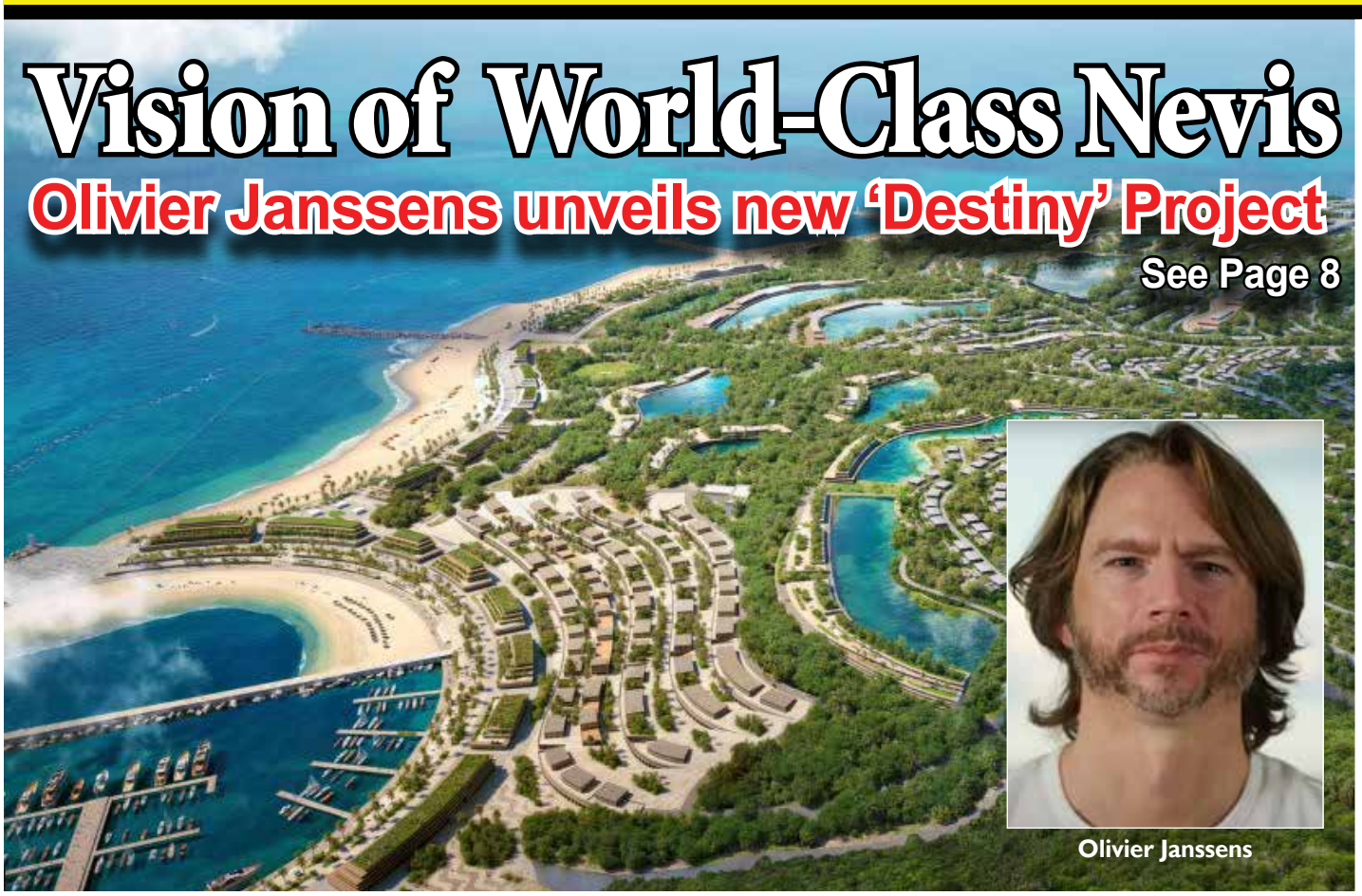

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Harris accuses government of duplicity over prison venture

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Dr. Timothy Harris has sharply criticised the current administration, accusing it of hypocrisy, mismanagement, and mishandling the country's long-awaited prison project.

Speaking to supporters and the media, Harris said the prison initiative, originally launched in 2021, was delayed due to bureaucratic processes, but he insisted his govern-

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Brantley: Airport development is proceeding at pace

By Vernan George
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Premier Mark Brantley affirmed at his most recent press conference that the Vance Amory International Airport expansion project is moving forward at a steady pace.

"The airport development is proceeding at pace. Our consultant, Perez Arc, has completed and handed over the designs for the new fire station and road alignments. The designs for the runway, taxiways, and aprons are nearly complete. The consultant is awaiting the results of geotechnical investigations, with additional tests to be carried out shortly. The designs for the terminal expansion and a new cargo facility are also close to completion," Premier Brantley stated.

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Mark Brantley
Premier of Nevis

He highlighted progress in land acquisition, noting that agreements with landowners are largely in place. "We have executed one very significant transaction covering about 18 acres, which is complete, and another smaller transaction has been finalised. Other transfers are still pending. Funding has been secured, with assistance from the Federal Government through the National Bank, to complete these acquisitions. Our Legal Department is overseeing the process," Brantley explained.

The Premier added that the Planning Department is engaged and that the government hopes to address any outstanding concerns to move the project forward swiftly. "We aim to break ground and complete this project within 18 to 24 months. Financing is in place, and we are ready to roll," he said.

Brantley also outlined the anticipated benefits of the upgraded airport, including attracting direct flights from the eastern United States, private jet traffic, and increased regional connectivity. "We're seeing new regional carriers entering the market, such as Contour Airlines flying from the US Virgin Islands to Dominica. Sunrise Airlines from Antigua is also entering the region, and we hope to capture some of that traffic as we develop our island," he said.

"This government is committed to development and progress. Our goal is to leave Nevis better off, ensuring the island is positioned for growth and opportunity for years to come," Premier Brantley concluded.

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2015/0074

ST KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
- Applicant

and

KIM ANDERSON COLLINS
-Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land described as Lot No. 11 of Section DA/16 situate at Frigate Bay Development in the Island of St. Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the South-West by Lot No. 12, 75 feet and 25 feet; On or towards the North-East by a proposed road 92 feet; On or towards the North by Lot No. 10, 120 feet; and On or towards the South by a proposed road, 87.00 feet and 25 feet and 8.48 feet and containing by admeasurement 11,982 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **8th day of March, 2004** and registered in **Book D3 Folio 117** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **KIM ANDERSON COLLINS** of #170 Carifesta Village, New Road, in the Island of St. Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$359,460.00**

Dated the 1st day of September 2025

Registrar of the Supreme Court

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT FIAT JUSTITIA HIGH COURT

St. Kitts and Nevis fully compliant with the API and PNR standards

St. Kitts and Nevis's eBorder system is now recognised on the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) World Tracker as In Force for both Advance Passenger Information (API) and Passenger Name Record (PNR) compliance.

This recognition makes St. Kitts and Nevis the first Caribbean nation to achieve this dual status, confirming that the Federation's sovereign API-PNR system is fully operational.

Airlines began transmitting API data as early as May 2025, and in August 2025, Sunrise Airways became the first carrier in the Caribbean to submit PNR data.

"St. Kitts and Nevis is proud to be recognised on IATA's tracker as fully operational for both API and PNR," said Chief Immigration Officer Sheldon Jeffers. "This reflects our commitment to providing border agencies with the tools needed to make informed, real-time decisions that enhance security and facilitation alike."

The eBorder programme combines enhanced security with improved passenger facilitation. Through pre-arrival screening, it supports more efficient border processing, reduces wait times for legitimate travellers, and contributes to a seamless arrival experience for visitors and returning nationals.

Chief Immigration Officer Sheldon

"With its listing as In Force, St. Kitts and Nevis has reached the highest operational category on IATA's World Tracker — a status that reflects not just legislative readiness, but live airline participation in both API and PNR submissions," said Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of National Security, Glenroy Blanchette. "It also underscores St. Kitts and Nevis's ability to modernise border management through internationally aligned best practices while safeguarding both national security and traveller facilitation."

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PM: SKN 'Studying' CARICOM Free Movement framework

Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew has indicated that the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis is carefully reviewing the CARICOM free movement initiative to ensure that the interests of smaller member states are safeguarded.

Speaking on the matter, Dr. Drew acknowledged that while the initiative aims to strengthen regional integration, there are still key considerations to be addressed.

"On the free movement matter, let me say that it has been an issue with CARICOM. And we are studying it, as I've said before. There are some conditions to be met in terms of the smaller countries so that we can still have some protection within the free movement," he said.

He added that the government continues to work towards a balanced approach that supports the objectives of CARICOM while maintaining national stability and fairness for local citizens.

"We are working towards this, and then a conversation also needs to be had with our people, being St. Vincent neighbours, so that we understand it and its implications. When we would have gathered all of that information, and CARICOM would have responded and so forth, then we take it to all and then we decide (whether) to follow," Dr. Drew explained.

His remarks come amid growing regional movement toward deeper integration under the CARICOM framework.

Four Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member States—Barbados, Belize, Dominica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines—have implemented full free movement among themselves from 1 October 2025. By doing so, these four countries have agreed to grant their nationals the right to enter, leave and re-enter, move freely, reside, work and remain indefinitely in the receiving Member State, without the need for a work or residency permit.

Their nationals will also be able to access emergency and primary health care, and public primary and secondary education, within the means of the receiving Member State.

The initiative follows a decision taken at the 49th Regular Meeting of the Conference of CARICOM Heads of Government earlier this year. Representatives from the four participating states have been meeting since to ensure that all necessary measures to support full free movement are in place.

The arrangement falls under the Enhanced Cooperation Chapter of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, which allows groups of at least three Member States to advance integration among themselves when certain objectives cannot be attained within a reasonable time by the Community as a whole.

This expanded form of free movement goes beyond what is currently offered under the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) and apply to all nationals of the participating four countries. The other CSME Member States, including St. Kitts and Nevis, will continue to operate free movement under the existing regimes related to skills, services, business establishment, and general facilitation of travel.

COURTESY PHOTO

Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew aid the government continues to work towards a balanced approach that supports the objectives of CARICOM while maintaining national stability and fairness for local citizens.

Barbados eyes a role as the Egyptian Caribbean gateway

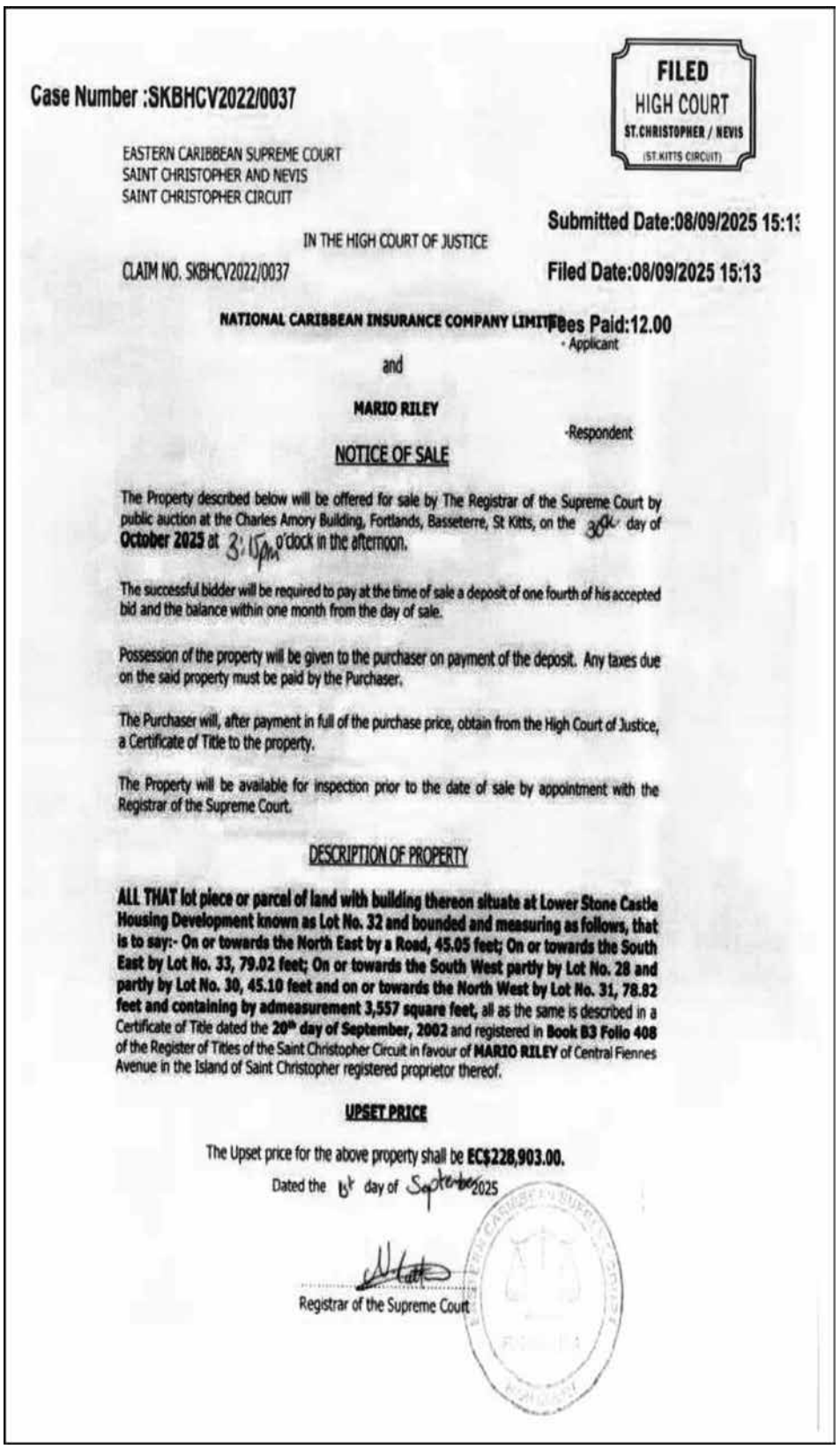
Barbados' Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Kerrie Symmonds, says there should be structured talks between Barbados and Egypt to build a strong and useful partnership.

He made this point when he met with Egypt's non-resident Ambassador to Barbados, Dr. Sherif Reda Ahmed Shehata, during a visit to the Ministry's office at Culloden Road, St. Michael.

Both men agreed that Barbados could act as a bridge between Egypt and the wider Caribbean. They said more discussion is needed to find new investment opportunities.

Ambassador Shehata said a formal system for political talks should be created to close any gaps in communication. He also noted that the many international businesses in Barbados show that the island attracts foreign investors.

Minister Symmonds agreed, saying private investment was growing and Barbados' economy was on a good path. He added that future talks should focus on areas that match Barbados' natural strengths and talents.



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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at Lower Stone Castle Housing Development known as Lot No. 32 and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North East by a Road, 45.05 feet; On or towards the South East by Lot No. 33, 79.02 feet; On or towards the South West partly by Lot No. 28 and partly by Lot No. 30, 45.10 feet and on or towards the North West by Lot No. 31, 78.82 feet and containing by admeasurement 3,557 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **20th day of September, 2002** and registered in **Book B3 Folio 408** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **MARIO RILEY** of Central Fiennes Avenue in the Island of Saint Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$228,903.00.**

Dated the 13th day of September 2025

Registrar of the Supreme Court

EDITORIAL

Acting and thinking in a realistic manner is the essence of practicality

Acting and thinking in a realistic manner is the essence of practicality. Time waits on no one. It is imperative when making life-changing decisions to carefully consider all available options and choosing the one most likely to enhance your existence. Such a choice is upon us.

The Special Sustainability Zone Act has presented us with a classic case where practicality should be exercised. We are in agreement that if major ventures appear to have met the criteria, and are seen as being done the right way, then going against them just for the sake of doing so can be deemed impractical.

The voluntary sale of lands by locals in south-eastern Nevis can be seen as practical, and it would be interesting to hear the arguments against qualified developers and capable investors who commit to strict standards of environmental performance, infrastructure quality, and social benefit.

Our lawmakers have said repeatedly in the past few weeks that any of these zones will be governed by clear, enforceable rules and democratic oversight. We can go nowhere if we don't give them the chance to prove their worth in this regard.

The south-eastern area of Nevis is almost barren – with the sea from time to time taking portions of the land. If the intended development is going to be duly taxed, along with significant employment being provided, then this would undoubtedly be a good thing for Nevis.

We are of the opinion that there is nothing wrong with organised development in the Special Sustainability Zones by well-funded, creative and independent entities, that can generate their own electricity, source their own potable water, and not be a government onto themselves – particularly as it relates to taxes, and the adherence to lawful requests by local law enforcement if required.

It is a fact that the area in question has over the years been at the mercy of nature. If no development happens there, the sea will continue claiming the land, bit by bit; the government will continue to receive minimal tax revenue on those lands; and the economy of Nevis will not be able to benefit from a development that could provide thousands of jobs.

The Destiny Special Sustainability Zone which was detailed by its developer via video address on October 13, is arguably one of the most ambitious projects this region would ever have experienced. To have it happen here is uplifting.

It is promised that the multi-billion-dollar initiative will transform the aforementioned undeveloped southern coast of Nevis into a world-class, family-oriented

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COMMENTARY

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We need the views and opinions of 'We the People'

James Milnes Gaskell

That video clip of the splendid Carleen Lawrence, a salt of the earth Nevis grandmother, persisting in her quest to find out what was going on in the South of the island against the assault of our noble premier was what brought me out of my journalistic retirement. It was a master class in evasion and obfuscation. 'There are no formal proposals before my government.' This left unanswered his knowledge of any other kind of proposal.

It is to try to find this out that I wrote my previous three articles. Mistress Lawrence may have been told 'Go siddung! You have had the mic long enough.' Now it was the turn of an unnamed Englishman.

To save space but still allow the weight of this attack to be felt through the printed page, I give most of it, and hope that what has been omitted does not change in any way the overall picture.

'…I smile because that gentleman would have come to us from Old Mother England…By…the 1960s he owned hundreds of acres of land in Nevis. Was that a land grab? That is the language I am hearing today…Hundreds of acres of land in the hands of one man who now dares to lecture us about land…70 years…You have owned hundreds of acres of land in Nevis, and I ask the question rhetorically, for I know the answer, What has been done to develop those lands? Not a thing. You buy it… grabbed it, sat on it, still sitting on it. No development. No jobs created, and then you dare to attack people who say they are coming to do something.

We have to have some hard conversations…I can't see how an Englishman is going to instruct Nevisians about their land when he…grabbed whole estates…and have done nothing to develop those lands in all those 70 years…Nobody is going to come here and lecture me about the island of Nevis. Some people are just not qualified. Let other people make the argument…I welcome all shades of public opinion, but sometimes people misinterpret my generosity of spirit, and there are some on this island who seem to think they have the power to dictate to us when they are not concerned about us and our development…A land grab is when you grab a piece of land and don't do anything with it. You sit on it. If you grab a piece of land and you develop it so that people can get jobs …then I would not describe that as a land grab. I would describe that as investment…'

Although the unnamed one resembles me as you can see by reading of my arrival in Nevis in the 1960s, there is much to show that it cannot be me. And I bear in mind a statement by our premier on his last 'On the Mark' monologue, 'As a person who always tells the truth, I do not have to worry about remembering what I said before because it will always have been the truth'.

This is not a rendition of his exact words but it is a statement that he never lies and can always be trusted. This is what we would expect of the political leader of our Nevis. But just in case anyone listening to that 'on the Mark' mistakenly thinks that the unknown Englishman is me, I give a short version of my first arrival in Nevis and activities up to the present day.

I came to Nevis in 1963/4, bought Montpelier and Richmond Lodge Estates from a retired policeman living in Barbados. In 1964 I began the construction of Montpelier Hotel using that great builder, Sam Hunkins. We took our first guest in October 1966. Montpelier has for many years had an international reputation for excellence in its class. Also in 1964 I bought some land behind Fig Tree Church, and, Wards Estate also from absentee owners.

In the 1970s, older and wiser, believing by then that it was not advisable for one man to own this amount of land on this small island, and also financially constrained I sold Richmond Lodge, for nominal amounts, in two portions to two different Nevis buyers, and settled what was remaining due to Hunkins by transfer of the Fig Tree lands to his firm/family. Over the ensuing years I sold much of Montpelier estate to local and foreign buyers. Indeed the premier lives on what was a part of Montpelier, and when I sold him a small adjacent plot, he politely wrote to thank me for the concessionary price. I needed these

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Sanders calls for urgent financing reforms for small states

By Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States (OAS), Sir Ronald Sanders, has called for comprehensive financing reforms to support small island developing states, urging development partners to move from promises to measurable results.

Speaking at the 7th Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development (CIDS) at the OAS, Sir Ronald proposed that partners adopt clear delivery timelines and short quarterly public reports to track their commitments.

"Sustainable development, for small states, is practical: keeping electricity on after storms; ensuring there are schools for children to attend; rebuilding infrastructure to keep the economy running; and making sure debt payments leave fiscal space to provide medical services, keep people employed, and pay pensions," Sir Ronald said. "We cannot meet those needs with vague promises and slow money."

He outlined three immediate priorities: financing terms that reflect risk, binding partner commitments, and quarterly public accountability.

Sir Ronald proposed that financing terms for high-vulnerability states include standardised 30-year maturities, five-year grace periods, and automatic payment pauses after disasters. He stressed that these terms should become the norm for development loans extended to small states.

He also urged that by June 30, 2026, each development partner publicly disclose how much funding they intend to provide to Caribbean nations—specifying how much will come as grants and how much as low-cost loans.

Additionally, he proposed that the CIDS publish quarterly progress reports tracking critical indicators such as coastal protection coverage, the number of days needed to restore water and power after Category 5 storms, the amount of private capital mobilised per public dollar, and the speed of disaster relief disbursements.

"Provide resilience financing up front. Make pausing loan repayments at times of disaster a condition of loans," Sir Ronald emphasised.

His remarks come as Caribbean nations continue to advocate for a more equitable global financial architecture that accounts for climate vulnerability and the rising cost of resilience-building.

COURTESY PHOTO

Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States, Sir Ronald Sanders.

Congress demands answers over Trump's Venezuela sea strikes

The U.S. military has carried out yet another airstrike on a ship near Venezuela.

President Donald Trump announced the attack on Truth Social, saying that intelligence showed the boat was smuggling drugs and connected to terrorist networks. He said the strike happened in international waters and that six men were killed.

Trump and Secretary of War Pete Hegseth both posted a short, blurry video showing a small vessel on fire after being hit.

Since early September, U.S. strikes have killed 27 men on similar boats accused of drug trafficking. Tuesday's strike was the fifth. Earlier attacks killed 17 men in September and four more on October 3, according to Hegseth.

Hegseth said the latest target was "carrying large amounts of narcotics headed to America to poison our people." But so far, the Pentagon has not provided proof that any of the boats had drugs or links to terrorist groups. Some legal experts say these attacks may not be lawful under U.S. or international law.

Trump earlier claimed a vessel hit on September 2 belonged to the Venezuelan criminal group Tren de Aragua, which he says operates under President Nicolás Maduro's control. Legal experts argue that a cartel must be at war with the U.S. for military action to be justified.

The Trump Administration has told Congress that America is now in an "armed conflict" with the drug trafficking organizations targeted in the Caribbean. The notice described those on board as "unlawful combatants," giving the Department of War authority to strike them.

Lawmakers from both parties are becoming frustrated by the lack of clear information about the administration's policy and goals, according to NBC.

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ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon situate at Half Way Tree in the Island of St. Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North-West by Con Phipps Estate 35 feet; On the North-East by Lot No. 15, 66.67 feet; On the South-East by the Island Main Road 35 feet and On the South-West by Lot No. 17, 66.67 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,666.8 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **24th day of February, 1994** and registered in **Book T2 Folio 111** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **MELFORD PHILLIP** of Old Road Village in the Parish of St. Thomas, in the Island of St. Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$220,622.00**

Dated the 1st day of September 2025

Registrar of the Supreme Court

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How residents can now make money with their dashcams

Adlai Smith
Director of Public Prosecutions

THE LAW IN PLAIN LANGUAGE

I am sure you have all heard of instances where a late-night drive has ended in tragedy, where a young motorist has collided with a roundabout or wall, or where a family outing has turned into heartbreak after a careless driver lost control. Too often, busy streets have turned into accident scenes, leaving pedestrians injured and families grieving. These are not just numbers on a page. They are empty chairs at the dinner table, silenced voices in the home, and futures tragically cut short. The crisis on our roads is no longer a whisper; it is a roar, demanding our attention and our action.

If it feels like the crisis is growing, that is because it is. And yet, as the old saying goes, in every crisis lies an opportunity. In Chinese writing, the word for "crisis" is often described as two characters placed side by side: one symbolising danger, the other symbolising opportunity. It is a reminder that even in the darkest moments, there is a chance to find a new way forward.

Stiffer Penalties for Dangerous Driving

Earlier this year, Parliament stepped up its game firmly by passing the Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2025. The law now makes it clear that careless or reckless driving will not be taken lightly. Causing death by dangerous driving carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, up from five, while causing death by careless driving now carries a maximum of six years, up from three. In other words, the law is catching up with the seriousness of the harm that reckless drivers can cause.

From Crisis to Opportunity: Dashcams and Dollars

Here is where the "opportunity" part comes in. The Act introduces a novel feature, pushed for by the DPP Office, called the "road safety incentive." If you record a reckless or careless driver and that footage helps the court convict them, the judge may order that you receive up to $5,000 from the offender. Me arrrrrm!!! $ 5000 broad dollar notes!

Yes, your dashcam or phone could become more than just a piece of tech cluttering your windshield. It could be a tool for justice and now...some extra cash. Imagine being stuck in traffic, a driver zooms past like they are in a street race, and your dashcam catches it all. Instead of shaking your head helplessly, you now have the power to submit that clip to the Traffic Department or the DPP's Office on South Independence Square. If it helps secure a conviction, the driver may end up paying you for exposing their bad behaviour.

Why the Law Needs You

The police are committed, but they cannot be on every corner, every road, or every roundabout at once. Our road network stretches far and wide, and reckless drivers know how to slip through gaps. That is why this law calls on the public to step in as partners. Think of it as citizen policing with a reward system. Everyone with a smartphone or dashcam becomes an extra set of eyes on the road.

The message is clear: drive as if someone is watching, because chances are, someone is.

Keeping Citizens Safe

Of course, the law is not careless about your safety. If you provide footage, you may choose to do so without anyone knowing, and the court can take steps to protect your identity. This means you can contribute to safer roads without putting yourself at risk of harassment or

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IN THE MATTER of an Application for the issue of a First Certificate of Title pursuant to Section 12 (1) (a) of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

AND

IN THE MATTER of an Application by **CAROL A. PEMBERTON** for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to 5.00 acres of land situate at Cox Heath Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For a Certificate of Title, notings thereon and caveats, for week ending the 17th day of October, 2025.

DATE OF REQUEST	PERSON PRESENTING	NATURE OF REQUEST
22nd September, 2025	**CAROL A. PEMBERTON** by her Attorneys-at-Law, Oral Martin Law Chambers, Upper Happy Hill Drive, Charlestown, Nevis	For the issue of a First Certificate of Title to 5.00 acres of land situate at Cox Heath Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis. The said land being bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: - **On or towards the North-East by Cox Heath Estate, 739.58 feet; On or towards the South-East by a 20" Road Allowance, 296.98 feet; On or towards the South-West by lands of Trevor Hendrickson, 728.46 feet and On or towards the North-West by lands of Dogwood Estate, 296.73 feet.**

Dated the 9th day of October, 2025

REGISTRAR OF TITLES

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
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In the matter of the Title by Registration Act, Chapter 10.19
Section 12 (1) (d)

And

In the matter of an by **CAROL LEWIS** formerly of Paradise Estate in the Parish of St. Thomas in the Island of Nevis but currently residing at Brooklyn, New York, United States of America and **MELROY LEWIS** of Jessups Village in the parish of St. Thomas in the island of Nevis for a First Certificate of Title to **3,473.95 square feet** of land situate at Paradise Estate in the parish of St. Thomas in the Island of Nevis.

REGISTRY OF TITLES NEVIS CIRCUIT

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

For Certificates of Title, noting thereon and caveats for the week ending the 10th day of October, 2025

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Document
20th June, 2025	**CAROL LEWIS AND MELROY LEWIS** by their Solicitor ***ASURE-DEE LIBURD-BROWNE*** of LAW OFFICES Of T.A.C.T. Liburd–Browne Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis	For the issuance of a First Certificate of Title to **3,473.95 square feet** of land situate at Paradise Estate in the Parish of St. Thomas, Nevis

On or towards the North by Lands of Allan Davis & Carmen Davis, 88.61 feet; On or towards the East by a 10-Foot Road Allowance, 18.44 feet; On or towards the South by a Public Road, 169.40 feet and On or towards the West partly by Lands of Lot No.01, 38.12 feet and partly by Lands of Lot No. 2, 33.63 feet and containing by admeasurement 3,473.95 square feet.

Dated the 3rd day of October, 2025

Registrar

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

Hospital expansion tops Premier's priority list as NIA prepares 2026 budget

Premier of Nevis and Minister of Finance Mark Brantley has confirmed that preparations are well underway for the 2026 Budget of the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), with the completion of the Alexandra Hospital expansion identified as the government's foremost priority.

Premier Brantley said the hospital project remains central to the Administration's development agenda, given its vital role in strengthening healthcare delivery across the island.

"Our hospital remains our priority number one. We have to get that done. As I said, we have a funding gap that we're trying to fill," the Premier stated, reaffirming the government's commitment to completing the long-awaited facility.

He explained that while discussions for the new budget are ongoing among senior officials, the Administration continues to focus its fiscal planning on essential infrastructure, healthcare, and education improvements.

"It normally starts with meetings among the permanent secretaries and technical teams, and then it goes into wider meetings with the broader body. So that is already ongoing as we prepare," he said. "We normally would be well into it by November so that we present the budget in early December. That's the tradition."

Beyond the hospital expansion, Premier Brantley said attention is also being given to strengthening community healthcare, including upgrades to the Charlestown Health Centre, which currently operates from temporary facilities, and the introduction of dialysis services for kidney patients on the island.

"We were waiting for our facility at the hospital to be ready in order to have dialysis, but we're getting more and more reports of dialysis patients, and our incidences of diabetes and hypertension continue to grow," he noted. "I think at this stage we have to now think about what we do in Nevis—even if it's only a backup system for the time being—but we have to do something."

The Premier also pointed to the importance of closer healthcare collaboration between St Kitts and Nevis, especially in areas where the two islands can share diagnostic and treatment resources. "We need closer collaboration but significantly more investment to make that happen," he said.

Premier of Nevis and Minister of Finance Mark Brantley

While healthcare remains the top priority, the Administration is also planning improvements to education facilities, community infrastructure, and the airport expansion project, for which funding has already been secured.

"Many of our schools are old and aging, and the problem has been upkeep and maintenance, so we need to look at that," Brantley added.

On the fiscal side, the Premier said the NIA is reviewing potential revenue streams and monitoring economic trends to ensure key projects, particularly the hospital expansion, can move forward in the new financial year.

Premier Brantley reaffirmed that the 2026 Budget will focus on advancing economic growth, enhancing public services, and improving the quality of life for all citizens, with a special emphasis on modernising healthcare for the people of Nevis.

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Haiti faces 'emergency' hunger levels, UN warns

Millions in Haiti are going hungry as armed groups tighten control over large parts of the country, according to the latest UN-backed IPC report. The IPC is a UN-backed index measuring hunger and malnutrition in global hotspots,

About 5.7 million people in Haiti are facing food insecurity, with 1.9 million at emergency levels and 3.8 million in crisis.

The worst period is expected between March and June 2026, when the lean season hits and more than half the population could struggle to eat.

Violence, displacement, and a collapsing economy have destroyed livelihoods. Farmers must now negotiate with gangs for access to land and share their crops and many small businesses have shut down, leaving families with no income.

These conditions increase the likelihood of sexual violence, spread of diseases such as cholera, and psychological distress for the displaced, who already lack adequate access to safe water, food and proper healthcare.

PHOTO COURTESY UNOCHA/Giles Clarke

Famine and gangs may lead to hunger in Haiti.

The IPC warns that overcrowding, poor sanitation, and disease outbreaks are worsening the situation and calls for urgent humanitarian aid and stronger social protection programmes.

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Section 12 (1) (a)

And

In the matter of an application by **LOUIZIER ALLEN, DELISON D. ALLEN, EDWIN A. ALLEN and VINESHA S. ALLEN** all of the Island of Nevis but currently residing in the United States of America for a First Certificate of Title to **0.750 acre** of land situate at Low Ground Estate in the parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis.

REGISTRY OF TITLES NEVIS CIRCUIT

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

For Certificates of Title, noting thereon and caveats for the week ending the 17th day of October, 2025

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Document
19th June, 2025 **10th July, 2025** **9th August, 2025** **9th August, 2025**	**LOUIZIER ALLEN, DELISON D. ALLEN, EDWIN A. ALLEN AND VINESHA S. ALLEN** by their Solicitor ***ASURE-DEE LIBURD-BROWNE*** of LAW OFFICES Of T.A.C.T. Liburd–Browne Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis	For the issuance of a First Certificate of Title **0.750 acre** of land situate at Low Ground Estate in the Parish of St. John, Nevis

On or towards the North by an Estate Road, 136.15 feet; On or towards the East Rosalind Stapleton 240.16; On or towards the South by lands of Doreen Hanley, 136. 25 feet and On or towards the West by Low Ground Estate, Lot 28, 238.51 feet 240.16 feet and containing by admeasurement 0.750 acre.

Dated the 9th day of October 2025

Registrar

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

A Transformational Vision for Nevis' Future

Founder Olivier Janssens unveils 'Destiny' project

COURTESY PHOTO

Shown above is an artist's rendering of what the Destiny Special Sustainability Zone could look like.

Founder of the "Destiny" project, Olivier Janssens, has unveiled an ambitious vision to transform the southern corridor of Nevis into a world-class, sustainable development that he says will bring prosperity, jobs, and opportunity, while preserving the island's natural beauty.

In a presentation to Nevisians and Kittitians, Janssens, who has lived in Nevis for nearly a decade, outlined how the initiative aims to position Nevis as the first Caribbean nation to create a modern "special economic zone" comparable to global success stories like Dubai and Monaco.

"The first country in the Caribbean to create a modern zone of this kind will not only uplift its people, but could become one of the wealthiest and most desirable regions in the world," said Janssens. "The southern corridor of the island is today completely undeveloped and sadly in decline. Yet this very area, if properly managed, holds the potential to become the engine of Nevis' future."

To bring the vision to life, Destiny has partnered with Skidmore, Owings and Merrill (SOM) — one of the world's leading architectural firms, known for iconic projects such as the World Trade Center in New York.

Scott Duncan, Design Partner and Architect at SOM, explained that the master plan is being developed with a deep respect for Nevis' unique environment.

"Nevis is an amazing tropical paradise — really unspoiled — and we want to preserve that feeling of remoteness," Duncan said. "We seek to derive all of our design decisions from the existing beauty of the site — from the topography, the water, the shape of the beach. We want to create an architecture that's in balance with nature."

The project envisions a pedestrian-friendly layout featuring a fisherman's village, family neighbourhoods, lakes, and an oceanfront promenade. The plan is designed to be low-rise and environmentally integrated, with open green spaces, parks, and a professional golf course that preserves large natural areas.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AT THE CORE

Janssens emphasised that Destiny's development would adhere to the highest environmental standards. A full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is underway, led by internationally recognised marine scientist Dr Deborah Brosnan, who specialises in coastal resilience.

Dr Brosnan explained that the initiative aims to restore and strengthen Nevis' coastal ecosystems.

"Destiny recognises that nature is our ally," she said. "We'll be rebuilding and recreating reefs as part of the natural infrastructure along the coast. That means more habitat for fish, better coastal protection, and new opportunities for local jobs in conservation and restoration."

She added that the project would combine traditional Nevisian knowledge with modern environmental science to create a skilled local workforce capable of managing and preserving the island's natural resources for generations to come.

A RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BENEFITS

Janssens announced a range of economic and social benefits designed to en-

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US$30M heritage and tourism development to revitalise Fort Thomas site

The historic Fort Thomas site in Fortlands, Basseterre, is set to undergo a major transformation as Prime Minister the Honourable Dr Terrance Drew led the sod-turning ceremony for 'The Symbol of Love Museum and Monuments', a landmark US$30 million heritage and tourism development poised to revitalise the 8.7-acre property.

The project marks a new era for Fort Thomas, blending cultural preservation, education, and leisure into a world-class tourism experience. It is a foreign direct investment partnership between the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis and ABL Inc., a Caribbean developer known for its innovative projects such as the Dominica Cable Car.

Dr Drew stressed that the initiative is not tied to the Citizenship by Investment Programme, underscoring that it is a pure investment project with significant benefits for the local economy.

"Twenty-six years ago, in 1999, the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis acquired this property. For too long, it stood idle. Today, that silence ends," declared Dr Drew, as he reflected on the site's historical significance.

Under the new lease-to-own agreement, ABL Inc. will develop Fort Thomas into a comprehensive heritage park anchored by two flagship attractions — the Caribbean Museum of History and the International Museum. Together, they will showcase the Caribbean's shared heritage while connecting regional stories to global history.

"This project is about preservation and transformation," Dr Drew explained. "Our Caribbean Museum will tell our story – one of resilience, creativity, and unity – while our International Museum will connect us to the wider world, reminding us that our local heritage is part of a global legacy."

The development will feature:

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COURTESY PHOTO

Officials at the sod-turning ceremony for the Symbol of Love Museum and Monuments at Fort Thomas.

FUTURE

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sure that the people of Nevis and St Kitts directly share in the project's success.

These include:

• Thousands of new jobs during construction and in long-term sectors such as hospitality, technology, and services.

• A US$50 million investment in Nevis' infrastructure over the next five years, with millions earmarked for the Alexandra Hospital and healthcare centres.

• A 20% permanent profit share for Nevis — with 10% going to the government and 10% to a sovereign wealth fund for future generations.

• A US$1 million annual scholarship programme for Nevisians to study abroad, starting immediately.

• An additional 5% of Destiny's profits to be distributed directly to citizens via new technology launching next year.

"We want Nevis to share in Destiny's success," Janssens said. "This is not just about development — it's about partnership, empowerment, and creating a future where Nevisians thrive."

NOT A SEPARATE COUNTRY

Janssens also addressed some of the public's main concerns regarding land ownership, access, and governance.

He clarified that land sales will be entirely voluntary, and those wishing to retain property can do so. Land swaps will also be offered for those who wish to relocate but remain property owners on Nevis.

He assured citizens that Destiny is not a separate country, and that the Constitution of Saint Kitts and Nevis will continue to fully apply. The development, while having internal regulations to attract investment, will remain under the jurisdiction of the national government.

Additionally, public access to beaches and traditional activities like fishing will remain unchanged.

Closing his address, Janssens described Destiny as more than just a project — a shared commitment to progress, sustainability, and national pride.

"Destiny is more than a development; it is a promise — an opportunity to create jobs, protect our nature, invest in our future, and place Nevis on the global stage where it belongs," he said.

"For centuries, Nevis has been known as the Queen of the Caribbean. With Destiny, we now have the chance to make her a jewel of the world."

He encouraged all Nevisians and Kittitians — from skilled workers to business owners — to visit www.destiny.com to learn more, apply for opportunities, or participate in shaping what he called "a historic new chapter for our island."

Ignite Ministries opens new worship tabernacle

By Vernan George
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

The communities of Chicken Stone and Clay Ghaut experienced a spiritual revival on Saturday, October 5, as Ignite Ministries officially opened the doors to its new worship sanctuary.

The service, chaired by Pastor Mrs. Cicely Browne, was filled with worship and the move of the Holy Spirit. Among the special guests in attendance were Deputy Governor-General Mrs. Hyletta Liburd, Premier Hon. Mark Brantley, Deputy Premier Hon. Eric Evelyn, and several pastors and apostles, including Suprian Williams, Dr. Mirian McCloud, Dave Morton, Jennifer Weekes, Patricia Hanley, Joseph Morton, Sam Auburn, and Drs. Jackson and Huggins.

Pastor Dr. Marian McCloud delivered a powerful sermon entitled "Spiritual Arsonists Arise," urging the congregation to remember that "prayer precedes a mighty move of God." She encouraged worshippers to "breathe in the fire and let others thirst for water," while always lifting up the name of Jesus.

During the dedication service, Donald Hendrickson, Myra Williams, and Janelle Liburd-Lamothe were ordained as elders of Ignite Ministries. Wayne Wilson, Kennish Nisbett, and Marsha Griffin were also officially appointed as ministers.

The church took the opportunity to recognise and honour several stalwarts for their outstanding contributions to its growth over the years, presenting them with plaques as tokens of appreciation.

The blessings continued throughout the week as Ignite Ministries hosted a series of special services to celebrate the opening of its new sanctuary.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
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In the Estate of Alexander Semenovich Khersonski, late of Sarasota, Florida, in the United States of America

NOTICE is given that after the expiration of 8 days, an application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Letters of Administration of the Estate of Alexander Semenovich Khersonski, late of Sarasota, Florida, in the United States of America granted by the High Court of British Columbia, in Vancouver, on the 18th day of July, 2023 to Kristina Khersonski.

Dated the 8th day of October 2025.

Errol C. Williams Jr.
Attorney-at-Law for Administrator

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Fees Paid:52.00
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
A.D. 2025

In the Estate of EUNICE IRA GRIFFIN of Pinneys Road, Nevis ("the Deceased")

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **PASTOR JAMES DOUGLAS** of Jessups Village, Nevis, **THOMAS DAVID GRIFFIN** of Nisbett Settlement, Nevis and **TIMOTHY GRIFFIN** of Rochester, New York, USA for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased who died on 20th April, 2023 without revoking a Will bearing the date 13th February, 2023 wherein the applicants are the named Executors in the Will of the said deceased.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Probate to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this notice.

Dated this 3rd day of Oct , 2025

Krysta Liburd -Clarke
LIBURDLAW
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

Filed by Krysta Liburd-Clarke of LiburdLaw, Foundation House, Government Road, Charlestown, Nevis, Attorneys- at- Law for the Applicant whose address for service is that of his Attorneys- at- Law.

Dr. Drew says Ritz-Carlton Project will be a "Win-Win" for all involved

COURTESY PHOTO

Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew said the Ritz-Carlton issue will be handled in a "win-win" manner for both the investors and affected local business owners.

Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew has reaffirmed his government's commitment to resolving the land dispute affecting the planned Ritz-Carlton development at the South-East Peninsula, describing the situation as one that will be handled in a "win-win" manner for both the investors and affected local business owners.

Dr Drew explained that the project represents a US$250 million private investment that will deliver one of the premier hotel properties in the Caribbean, creating hundreds of jobs during construction and permanent employment once operational. He said the development is vital to the government's ongoing efforts to diversify the economy and reduce reliance on the Citizenship by Investment programme.

"This is a tremendous economic opportunity for St. Kitts and Nevis," Dr Drew stated. "We want a premier hotel that will put our country on the map and create real jobs and growth. It would be unreasonable to stop a private entity from investing on private land."

'We are empathetic oward those who are affected. We will give them an option to move to a different site and assist them in that process.'

Dr. Terrance Drew
Prime Minister

The Prime Minister clarified that the land in question is privately owned, and has never been government property. He said his administration is engaging with the two bar owners currently occupying the area to find a fair solution that allows them to continue their business activities elsewhere.

"We are empathetic toward those who are affected," Dr Drew said. "We will give them an option to move to a different site and assist them in that process. This will ensure a win-win situation where the investment can proceed and the vendors can continue to earn a livelihood."

Dr Drew also noted that a previous administration had encouraged the bar owners to relocate to Frigate Bay in anticipation of earlier development plans that ultimately did not materialise. He said his government's focus now is on creating an environment that supports investment, development, and economic advancement.

"If we are to stop private investment of this magnitude, we must ask ourselves if we are serious about development and diversification," the Prime Minister said. "Every country wants these kinds of high-end investments, and we are working to ensure they happen in St. Kitts and Nevis in a fair and balanced way."

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2015/0074

ST KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
- Applicant

and

KIM ANDERSON COLLINS
-Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 30th day of **October 2025** at 2:00p.m. o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land described as Lot No. 12 of Section DA/16 situate at Frigate Bay Estate, in the Island of St. Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-East partly by Lot No. 11, partly by a road and partly by Lot No. 13, 174.29 feet; On or towards the South by the edge of a ghaut 202.15 feet; On or towards the North-West partly by lands of Frigate Bay Development Corporation 150.00 feet and partly by Lot No. 10, 100.55 feet and containing by admeasurement 21,644.04 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **8th day of March, 2004** and registered in **Book D3 Folio 118** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **KIM ANDERSON COLLINS** of #170 Carifesta Village, New Road, in the Island of St. Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$1,858,540.00**

Dated the 1st day of September 2025

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ISLAND OF NEVIS
A.D. 2025
(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO. NEVHPB2025/

IN THE MATTER of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules, 2017

In the Estate of **DOLDRIE IMELDA LAWRENCE,** late of Dermot Murphy Centre, 91 Dermot Murphy Close Withington, Manchester, United Kingdom, deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

NOTICE IS GIVEN that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the resealing of the Grant of Probate of **DOLDRIE IMELDA LAWRENCE,** deceased late of Dermot Murphy Centre, 91 Dermot Murphy Close Withington, Manchester, United Kingdom, granted by the High Court of Justice, Manchester District Probate Registry in the United Kingdom on the 20th day of March 2017.

Dated this 14th day of October 2025

Edisha Greene

Edisha K. Greene
JOSEPH ROWE
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

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• A Caribbean History Museum and an International Museum;

• Botanical gardens with water features;

• Restaurants, cafés, and souvenir shops overlooking the Caribbean Sea;

• A jetty to enhance sea access and cruise tourism; and

• Replicas of world heritage monuments, honouring global figures of courage, justice, and peace.

Dr Drew said the project aligns with the nation's "Venture Deeper" tourism brand, encouraging visitors to engage more deeply with Kittitian and Caribbean heritage. "Today, as we turn this soil, we breathe life back into Fort Thomas. We are restoring its purpose — to serve our people, to educate our students, to welcome our visitors, and to inspire generations yet to come."

The Prime Minister also noted that the agreement includes strong environmental safeguards, archaeological supervision, and a majority local workforce, ensuring that development preserves the site's historical integrity while creating jobs and entrepreneurship opportunities for residents.

Minister of Tourism, the Honourable Marsha Henderson, welcomed the initiative as a model of sustainable tourism development.

"We have two limbs in sustainable tourism – the preservation of our natural sites and our heritage, our stories, and our culture," Minister Henderson said. "There is also the social inclusion aspect, and we believe this project will ensure that the wealth of tourism reaches those who should benefit most – our communities. Children will be able to come here, local vendors and residents will be part of what happens on these grounds, and so we welcome this development wholeheartedly as it perfectly aligns with our sustainable tourism vision."

Construction of the Symbol of Love Museum and Monuments is expected to generate new jobs, boost community engagement, and reinforce St. Kitts and Nevis's position as a regional hub for heritage, history, and human connection.

"This development will make Fort Thomas an epicentre of Caribbean and international history – celebrating our past, honouring global heritage, and positioning Saint Kitts as the Caribbean's most authentic and innovative tourism destination," Dr Drew affirmed.

The Fort Thomas redevelopment forms part of the government's broader Sustainable Island State Agenda (SISA), aimed at promoting cultural preservation, environmental stewardship, and economic resilience across the Federation.

New era of U.S. deportations begins south of the border

Guatemala has received its first deportation flight from the United States carrying both Guatemalan citizens and immigrants from another country.

The plane arrived on Friday, bringing three people from Honduras and 56 Guatemalans, according to Guatemala's migration agency (IGM).

The Hondurans were taken to a migration centre before being sent home. The flight is part of President Donald Trump's strict immigration policy, which aims to speed up deportations and make other countries accept more returnees.

Guatemala's government said it is willing to keep receiving its own citizens and also people from nearby Central American nations. President Bernardo Arevalo has promised to strengthen ties with Washington and agreed earlier this year to take more deportation flights after a visit by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio.

Guatemalan nationals have already been deported by the US since January, but this is the first time non-Guatemalans were included.

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ISLAND OF NEVIS

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CHAPTER 10.19

A.D. 2025

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificate of Title and notings thereon and Caveats for the Week ending the 17th day of October, 2025.

Date of Request	Person Requesting	Nature of Request
31st March, 2025	**ALVIN JEFFERS** by his Attorneys Larkland M. Richards & Associates of Chambers, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis.	Request for the Consolidation of two Certificates of Title into one Certificate of Tile to 32395 .8803 square feet (or 0.7437 acre) of land situate at Hicks Estate in the Parish of St. James in the Island of Nevis.

On or towards the North-West by lands of James Theophilus Syder, 69.07 feet and partly by lands of Hilroy Brandy and Reginald Brandy, Ebenezer Stapleton, Mavis Glasgow and Lisa Patricia Stapleton, 205.40 feet; On or towards the North-East by lands of Hicks Estate, 40.00 feet and partly by lands of Peter Bartlette and Christopher Wallace, 80.00 feet; On or towards the South-West by lands of Cyril Berkeley, 273.96 feet and On or towards the South-West by the Island Main Road 80.51 feet and 39.80 feet

Dated the 9th day of October, 2025.

Registrar of Titles

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

Case Number :SKBHCV2022/0168

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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CLAIM NO. SKBHCV2022/0168

NATIONAL BANK TRUST COMPANY (ST KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA) LIMITED Fees Paid:12.00

- Applicant

and

BRENDA WARNER

-Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by The Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Charles Amory Building, Fortlands, Basseterre, St Kitts, on the 30th day of **October 2025** at 2:30pm o'clock in the afternoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

The Property will be available for inspection prior to the date of sale by appointment with the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon known as Lot No. 7 of Middle Island Housing Development situate in the Parish of Saint Thomas in the Island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows: On or towards the North by a Public Road 17.80 feet, 15.58 feet, 21.11 feet; On or towards the East by Lot No. 6 89.91 feet; On or towards the South East by Middle Island Cemetery 49.03 feet; On or towards the West by Lot No. 8 87.05 feet and containing by admeasurement 3,473.65 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **25th day of May, 2001** and registered in **Book A3 Folio 217** of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher Circuit in favour of **BRENDA WARNER** of Old Road, in the Island of St. Christopher registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC$297,607.00**

Dated the 1st day of September 2025

Registrar of the Supreme Court

Taiwan marks 114th National Day with grand celebration

St. Kitts and Nevis among honoured friends at event

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

On Friday, October 10, in the crisp morning air - right in front of the Presidential Office in Taiwan, The St Kitts and Nevis Observer was among the many media entities that bore witness to an awe-inspiring display of national pride and resolve, as Taiwan marked its 114th National Day.

From thundering drums to soaring jets, the celebrations were as much a statement of identity and determination as they were a festival of culture.

The events commenced with a dramatic performance by the Taiwan Taiko Association, which brought along scores of young percussionists to perform a 100-drummer ensemble right in front of us. The ground vibrated with the force of their synchronised beats — a fitting overture to the day ahead.

Not far above, an Air Force Mirage 2000 fighter jet roared overhead — a customary aerial tribute in the celebrations. Below, the Honour Guard of the Republic of China (Taiwan), flanked by their marching band, performed with trademark precision, even mimicking baseball bat swings — a nod to Taiwan's success in the favourite national sport.

Later, students from Taichung's Shin Min High School debuted a colourful floral-themed dance that invoked the island's historic name "Formosa". The cultural threads continued with an Indigenous highlight: NaLuWan Dance Troupe and the Pingtung County Indigenous Tribal Youth Association performed Maru Salad, spotlighting Taiwan's First Peoples.

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St Kitts and Nevis celebrated Taiwan's National Day with a special reception.

Perhaps the most stirring moment came when a CH-47SD Chinook helicopter flew the national flag high above the festivities, escorted by two UH-60M Blackhawks. Cameras and phones were raised by the majority of the audience to capture that soaring emblem of sovereignty.

In the grand finale, five Thunder Tiger aerobatics jets painted the sky in red, white, and blue — Taiwan's colours — to close out the morning's proceedings in dramatic style.

President Lai Ching-te delivered a powerful keynote address that wove together themes of resilience, innovation, and national defence. He began by affirming Taiwan's democratic journey, noting that September 10 marked the day the island had collectively spent more days free from martial law than under it. This symbolic milestone underscored his message: Taiwan is no longer defined by its authoritarian past but by its democratic future.

On the economic front, Lai celebrated a remarkable year: Taiwan's growth is projected at 5.1 per cent, placing it at the lead among the Four Asian Tigers and outpacing China. Exports have surged, employment is at its strongest in 25 years, and the stock market has hit record highs with a market capitalisation topping US$3 trillion. Taiwan's foreign exchange reserves, too, have crossed US$600 billion — all testaments to a robust, outward-leaning economy.

Yet Lai was clear-eyed about challenges ahead: traditional industries, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and rural agriculture face pressure

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St Kitts and Nevis Observer's Loshaun Dixon (L) being greeted by His Excellency Donya Francis, Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis to Taiwan.

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP 10.19
A.D. 2025

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE FILED AUG 07 2025 9:30am NEVIS

NEVHCV2017/0110

In the matter of Section 92 of the Title by Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

and

In the matter of an application to settle Articles of Sale of the Respondent's property comprised in a Certificate of Title dated 31st January, 2012 registered in Register Book 50 Folio 27

THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED *Applicant*

and

ANDREW TITLEY *Respondent*

NOTICE OF SALE

The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the Supreme Court by public auction at the Bath Village, Nevis

on the 7th day of November 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon.

The successful bidder will be required to pay at the time of sale a deposit of one fourth of his accepted bid and the balance within one month from the day of sale.

Possession of the property will be given to the purchaser on payment of the deposit. Any taxes due on the said property must be paid by the Purchaser.

The Purchaser will, after payment in full of the purchase price, obtain from the High Court of Justice, a Certificate of Title to the property.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Spring Hill Estate in the Parish of St. James in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- **On or towards the North East by a Ghaut 523.50 feet; On or towards the East by Lot No. 22 and Lot No. 21, 166.76 feet; On or towards the South East by a cu-de-sac 73.65 feet and by Lot No. 17, 429.82 feet and On or towards he North West by lands of Caribbean islands Development (Nevis) Ltd. 179.78 feet and containing by admeasurement 2.0 acres**

UPSET PRICE

The upset price for the above property shall be EC$348,480.00.

Dated the 7th day of October, 2025.

Asst REGISTRAR

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court High Court of Justice

Henderson leads review of tip-sharing policy to protect workers' interests

The Government, through the Ministry of Employment and Labour, has been made aware of concerns regarding a recently introduced tip-sharing policy at the Park Hyatt, St. Kitts.

Acknowledging the importance of fairness, transparency, and respect for workers' rights within the tourism industry, Hon. Marsha T. Henderson, who also serves as Minister of Tourism, immediately convened a multi-agency task force, led by the Employment and Labour Ministry, to investigate the matter and work toward a resolution in the best interest of the affected workers.

The task force, which has been meeting over the past several weeks, includes representatives from the Ministry of Tourism, the Labour Department, the Attorney General's Chambers, and the hotel's management team, in consultation with the St. Kitts-Nevis Trades and Labour Union. The group has been reviewing the policy in detail and engaging in constructive dialogue aimed at restoring balance, ensuring compliance, and safeguarding the rights of all employees.

Minister Henderson reaffirmed that her Ministry and the Government remain fully committed to protecting the welfare of hospitality workers, who are integral to the strength and reputation of the nation's tourism sector.

"The Government will not sit idly by while any policy threatens the fairness or livelihood of our workers," Minister Henderson stated.

"As Minister of Tourism, I have acted decisively to ensure that all parties come to the table. Our goal is clear: to arrive at a fair, transparent, and sustainable resolution that protects our workers and upholds the integrity of our tourism industry."

She added that the task force's discussions have been frank and solutions-focused, with all stakeholders demonstrating a willingness to collaborate in good faith.

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Minister of Tourism, Employment and Labour et al, Hon. Marsha Henderson convened a multi-agency task force, led by the Employment and Labour Ministry, to investigate the matter and work toward a resolution in the best interest of the affected workers.

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funds to support Montpelier Hotel, which took 20 years to break even.

Now, remaining Montpelier lands comprise about 34 acres. Some of this is steep or low-lying. Wards Estate forms part of the thick forest covering the slopes of the Western side of Nevis. The best development here is no development. Nevis requires its trees in order to remain cool. Please recognise the importance. Lose all trees, grasses take over, goats eventually eat out all roots. Soil runs off. Bare rock radiates heat. Given enough time and widespread loss of trees, overall island temperature could go up, say 10 degrees. This would be a disaster.

Development is not a magic word. Not all planned development is beneficial. That is why we have a planning department to consider, according to law, the merits of any scheme put forward by developers. The SSZ Act cuts out the requirement for the planning department to make any assessment. Why is that desirable?

I would like to know who this unnamed Englishman might be. Where is he now? Where are his hundreds of undeveloped acres? He appears to have upset the premier who says that some people are just not qualified to talk about Nevis and misinterpret his 'generosity of spirit'.

But the claim 'that some people are just not qualified' merits another comment, and that is that s 12 -(1) of our Constitution states ' Except with his own consent, a person shall not be hindered in the enjoyment of his freedom of expression, including freedom to hold opinions without interference, freedom to receive ideas and information without interference, freedom to communicate ideas and information without interference (whether the communication is to the public generally or to any person or class of persons)…'

In a thriving democracy, dissentient voices should be encouraged. If everyone says nothing that he thinks the boss might not agree with, then the boss is not told when things go wrong, and wiser voices are kept away.

On this South Nevis matter we need the views and opinions of 'We the People'. This is critical and will be the subject of SSZ Part V.

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NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

In the Estate of the late Joseph Leader of 2 Morland Road, Manchester, M16 9PA, United Kingdom, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **Stephen Leader** of 6 Kimberly Walk, Manchester, M15 4HL, United Kingdom and **Patricia Leader** of 6 Kimberly Walk, Manchester, M15 4HL, United Kingdom for a Grant of Letters of Administration of the above- named deceased's Estate who died on the 6th day of October 2008 wherein the applicants are the Administrators named therein.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 2nd day of October 2025.

Gabriella A. Brantley / Brianna R.A. Brantley
DANIEL BRANTLEY
Attorneys-at-Law

Filed by Gabriella A. Brantley/ Brianna R.A. Brantley of **DANIEL BRANLTEY** Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is Main Street, Charlestown in the island of Nevis Tel 1 (869) 469- 5259 Email **gabriella.brantley@danielbrantley.com/brianna.brantley@danielbrantley.com**.

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■ Vacancies

Ram's Trading Ltd invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill the position of Butcher.

POSITION SUMMARY

Ram's Trading Ltd is seeking a skilled and experienced Butcher to join the team. The candidate must have an understanding of various meat cuts and sausage making. This role requires great precision and excellent attention to detail.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Skillfully butcher, cut, trim, and prepare various meats, including beef, lamb, poultry, pork, etc., to meet Customer specification.
- Create a variety of fresh and specialty sausages, ensuring consistency in quality, flavor, and presentation.
- Monitor meat stock, ensure proper storage, and maintain required standards.
- Operate the required tools and equipment safely, ensuring safety and functionality.
- Adhere to all food safety, sanitation, and occupational health standards.
- Maintain a clean and organized work environment.
- Capable of lifting heavy items.
- Other duties assigned.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum of 2 years of proven experience as a Butcher or in a similar meat processing position.
- Expertise in cutting techniques, sausage making, pork processing, etc. along with familiarity of Butchery equipment.
- Knowledge of meat grading, quality standards, and storage requirements.
- Strong understanding of food safety regulations and hygiene practices.
- Ability to multi-task and work in a fast-paced environment.
- Capable of working in a cold environment.

All applications must be submitted with a detailed resume to ramshr@ramstrading.com

■ Public Notice

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SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate District "C"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, MASTANEH SERATI

Now residing in KAMES CRESCENT, KAMES BAY ESTATE Street in the town or Village of ST. THOMAS PARISH do hereby give you notice That it is my intention to apply on ..... Day of ..... next to the District Magistrate At ..... for a HOUSE Licence in respect of my Premises in KAMES CRESCENT Street in KAMES BAY ESTATE Dated this ..... day of .....

Signed: .....

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FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Probate No. NEVHPB 2024/0081

In the Estate of **ESTELLE ARCHIBALD BARTON otherwise known as ESTELLE SELINA BARTON, nee ARCHIBALD,** deceased, Late of Charlestown, Nevis.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION *DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATUS*

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **PATRICIA LAVONNE BYRON** of Charlestown in the Island of Nevis, presently residing at 58 Kootenay Crescent, Scarborough, Ontario, M1J 1R9 Canada for a Grant of Letters of Administration *de bonis non administratus* of the above-named deceased who died on the 7th day of August 1967, in Montreal, Canada, domiciled in St. Christopher and Nevis, without revoking a Will bearing the date of 26th May 2020, wherein the applicant is named as Executor.

Any person having an objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration *de bonis non administratus* shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 13th day of October 2025

Talibah Byron-Chiverton
Attorneys-at-law for the Applicant

Of Chambers
BYRON & BYRON
O'Loughlin House
Fort and Central Streets
Basseterre
St. Kitts and Nevis.

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT (PROBATE)

Probate No. **NEVHPB 2025/0001**

In the Estate of **ERNEST WARNER,** deceased
Late of Hicks Estate, in the island of Nevis

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH THE WILL ANNEXED DE BONIS NON

TAKE NOTICE, that an application has been filed by **VELMA JONES** of Camps, Home Domestic, in the Island of Nevis, the lawful attorney of Rosalind Warner, the sole surviving residuary legatee and Devisee of the Estate of ERNEST WARNER, deceased.

For a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed *de bonis non* of the above named deceased who died on the 25th day of December 1981, without revoking a will bearing the date of 6th day of June, 1981.

Any person having an objection to the Application for Grant of Letters of Administration shall file an objection within 14 days of this publication of this Notice.

Dated this 7th day of October 2025

Terence V. Byron
BYRON & BYRON, of Chambers, 'O'Loughlin House', Basseterre, St. Kitts
Attorneys-at-law for the Intended Administratrix

The Registry of the High Court is at Theodore L. Hobson QC Court House, Main and Prince William, Charlestown, Nevis. Tel. No. 869-469-5521 or 469-7140. The Office is open between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday daily except Public Holidays.

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retaliation.

A Shift in Culture

These changes represent a cultural turning point. Driving is not just about getting from one place to another. It is about respecting lives along the way. The amendments say to all of us: recklessness will cost you dearly, but responsibility can be rewarded. Safe drivers enjoy peace of mind, careless drivers face serious penalties, and vigilant citizens can earn a small but meaningful reward.

And with Christmas around the corner, who could not use an extra few hundred or even a few thousand dollars? Picture yourself replacing the old washing machine or upgrading your TV to 8K, helping with your child's school fees, topping up the grocery basket at RAMS or Valu Mart with a little more joy, or simply paying off a lingering SKELEC bill that has been nagging at you all year. That is the opportunity the new law places in your hands. All it takes is a watchful eye, a steady dashcam or smartphone, and the willingness to share what you see. The careless driver's recklessness could become your reward. It is time to step up, because safer roads and fuller wallets can go hand in hand. So the next time you head out, remember the new mantra for motorists and bystanders alike: "lights, camera, action!..." (and maybe even a little Christmas cash).

Key Takeaways

1. Maximum prison terms for causing death by dangerous or careless driving have doubled (ten years and six years).
2. Courts can award up to $5,000 to citizens whose video footage helps convict reckless drivers.
3. Road safety is everyone's duty. Police cannot be everywhere, but with dashcams and smartphones, we all can help.

DUPLICITY

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ment had been committed to building a modern facility for inmates. "Our people, our citizens, our residents deserve better," he said. "Those who are in prison are our family members, our sons and daughters, our neighbours, and they deserve a second chance."

He chided the government for continuing projects they publicly condemned. "You can't say something is so bad and yet you go with the thing that is so bad," Harris said, referencing funds meant for the prison being proposed for unrelated housing programs.

Harris defended his government's approach, noting that modern security measures and infrastructure were necessary. He recounted consultations with project architect Stacey Hobson, who designed a facility capable of accommodating growing inmate numbers while respecting human dignity. He emphasised that proper planning, including environmental assessments and overseas technical support, was essential for a secure, rehabilitative prison.

The former Prime Minister also cited the COVID-19 pandemic as evidence of the urgency for a new facility. He described the overcrowded conditions at the existing prison and the risk of disease spread, stressing the need for reforms to meet international human rights standards.

"Building a security prison is not like building a house or school," Harris said. "The kind of details, the kind of controls you have to build in, security infrastructure… that was not easily available. We were the only government able to put something in place to give us what we need."

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residential community — creating thousands of jobs for locals, protecting nature, and securing long-term prosperity.

Destiny will reportedly invest USD $50 million over the next five years into Nevis' public infrastructure. Nevis will hold a permanent 20% profit share in Destiny - 10% allocated directly to the Government of Nevis, and 10% placed in a Sovereign Wealth Fund to support future generations. A US $1 million yearly scholarship program will also help Nevisian students study abroad. 5% of Destiny's profits will be distributed directly to Nevisians, enabled by new digital technology launching next year.

The question therefore is: why would Destiny be rejected if an area that we cannot develop is being developed by entities with the means, and are willing to adhere to our laws?

Premier Brantley has committed to full disclosure of the development agreement, and explained that the agreement must receive approval in the Nevis Island Assembly before being ratified in the National Assembly. What else can we ask for?

Does anyone among us at this moment have a better plan for south-eastern Nevis? Will we reject a multi-faceted, multi-billion-dollar enhancement project to just twiddle our thumbs and watch the sea perform the inevitable? Are we so risk-averse?

Just remember, acting and thinking in a realistic manner is the essence of practicality. This fast-paced world won't wait indefinitely for us to make up our minds, and inertia will get us nowhere.

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from digital transformation, AI disruption, and global tariff shifts. To meet these headwinds, there is a NT$93 billion tariff support plan, plus ongoing investments to help SMEs adopt AI and modernise operations.

Lai unveiled his bold vision for Taiwan's security. He pledged to build the "T-Dome", a multi-layered air defence system designed to provide early detection and interception of aerial threats. He emphasised it would weave together various sensors, missiles, and high-altitude interception systems — Taiwan's analogue to Israel's Iron Dome.

Lai committed to raising defence spending to over 3 per cent of GDP next year, and ultimately to 5 per cent by 2030, calling the increase "a clear necessity to counter enemy threats and a driving force for developing our defence industries."

In choosing to emphasise defence over overt cross-strait rhetoric, Lai struck a balanced tone. He repeated Taiwan's commitment to the status quo and peace, while urging China to renounce coercive actions. Observers note that by softening references to direct cross-Strait conflict, Lai may be signalling a strategic posture that emphasises strength and deterrence over provocation.

Lai's closing refrain — "Let's keep going, Taiwan! Let's keep going, Republic of China! Let's keep going, Republic of China, Taiwan!" — carried both defiance and unity.

St. Kitts & Nevis in the House: Diplomatic Ties and Cultural Bridges

From within the crowd, a familiar face was recognised in His Excellency Donya Francis, Ambassador of St. Kitts and Nevis to Taiwan — a symbol of the enduring friendship between Basseterre and Taipei. The presence of Caribbean and Latin American dignitaries underscored Taiwan's diplomatic reach. Governor-Generals of Belize and St. Lucia, the President of Paraguay's Chamber of Deputies, and delegates from Japan, Sweden, the U.K., the U.S., and the European Union were also in attendance.

Back home, St. Kitts and Nevis' Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew sent a warm National Day greeting, highlighting the decades of trust, cooperation, and shared democratic values between our nations.

COURTESY PHOTO

The Honour Guard of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

Elsewhere, in Washington D.C., our embassy joined Taiwan's Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) at a vibrant reception held at the historic Twin Oaks Estate. The EBJ Harmonics Steel Orchestra (Panorama champs from Nevis) blended Caribbean rhythm and Taiwanese melody, including a heartfelt rendition of The Moon Represents My Heart. Guests toasted the occasion with Brinley Gold Shipwreck Rum — a truly Kittitian-Nevisian touch abroad.

Being in Taiwan as the National Day celebrations unfolded gave a deeper sense of how this island sees itself: small in size, but resolute in spirit. The fusion of culture, defence ambition, and diplomatic outreach left no doubt that Taiwan is positioning itself not just to survive — but to lead.

The celebration brought more than a festival but showed Taiwan asserting that its democracy, its economy, and its voice matter — not just to itself, but to all nations that believe in freedom, sovereignty, and shared progress.