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PM: Airport expansion project still in planning stage

By Loshaun Dixon
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

Prime Minister Dr Terrance Drew has clarified the current status of the Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport expansion, stating that the project remains in its planning phase, with the Caribbean Infrastructure Development Corporation (CIDC) engaged solely in feasibility and structural assessments at this time.

"The CIDC has what you call just the planning stage of the airport," Dr Drew explained at a recent press

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PM Dr. Terrance Drew

Police recover an assault rifle in Port Zante incident

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force has confirmed that investigations are ongoing into the recovery of a high-powered firearm following a predawn incident at Port Zante on Saturday, May 31.

According to police reports, members of the St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force were conducting routine patrols at around 5:10 a.m. when they observed a black Toyota motorcar occupied by three males behaving suspiciously in the Half Moon area. The soldiers discreetly

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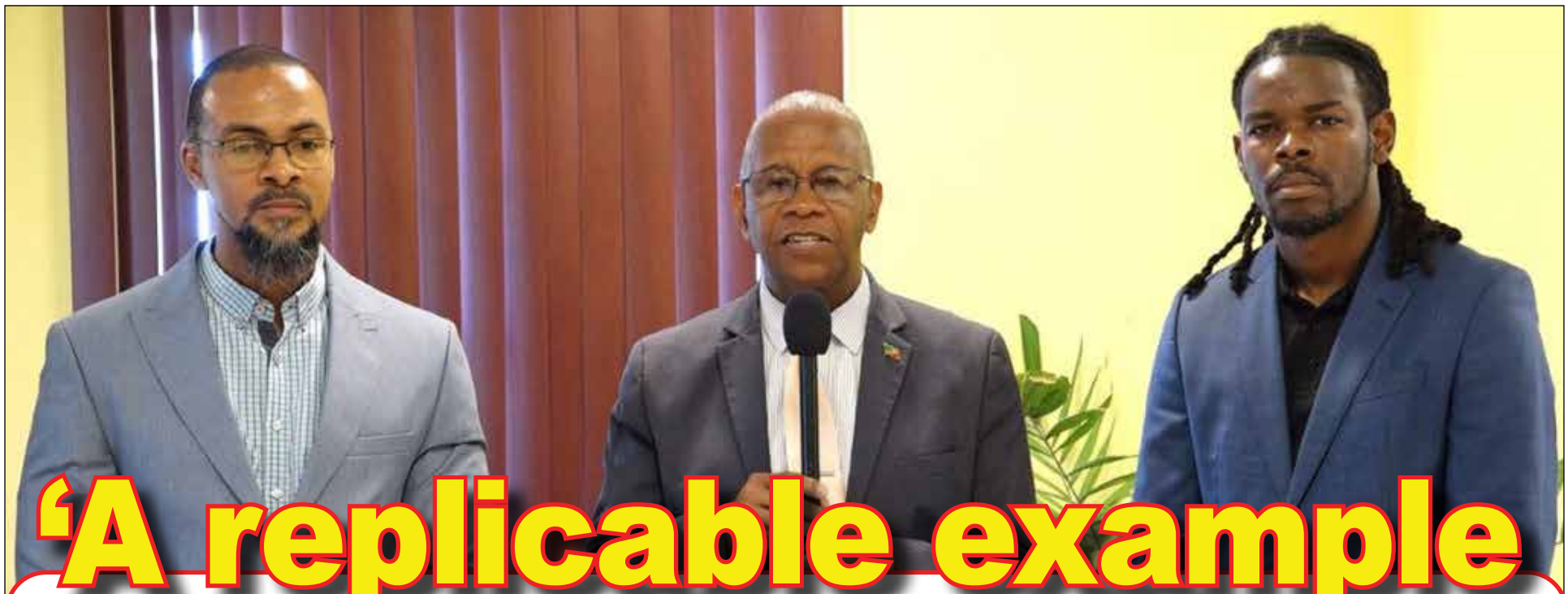

'A replicable example for the region'

Nevis hailed as potential model for sustainable development

Nevis is being hailed as a potential model for sustainable development among Small Island Developing States (SIDS), following a high-level meeting held on June 3 between Acting Premier the Honourable Eric Evelyn and a delegation of international development experts.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Consultant Kevin Hope, who attended the meeting alongside Cosbert Woods, United Nations Country Coordination Officer for St. Kitts and Nevis, and Communications Specialist Vittorio Hendrickson, praised Nevis for its proactive approach in aligning national priorities with the global 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

"Nevis, as a small island, is agile and responsive. It is already aligning a number of its initiatives with the Sustainable Development Goals," Hope stated. "By actively reviewing your progress and identifying gaps through the Voluntary Local Review (VLR), stakeholders can target actions

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COURTESY PHOTO

Acting Premier of Nevis the Honourable Eric Evelyn (c) with Cosbert Woods, United Nations Country Coordination Officer for St. Kitts and Nevis (l) and Kevin Hope, Sustainable Development Goals Consultant.

Air India jet crashes after takeoff, killing 204

An Air India plane crashed just after takeoff in Ahmedabad on Thursday. It was headed to London Gatwick. At least 204 people are confirmed dead.

The flight was carrying 242 people, including passengers and crew. The airline called it a "tragic accident."

Ahmedabad's police chief said 204 bodies had been found, and 41 people were being treated for injuries. He also said some people on the ground likely died when the plane crashed into a residential area.

The flight, AI171, left Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport at 1:39 p.m. local time. It was supposed to land in London at 6:25 p.m. UK time.

The crash happened within a minute of takeoff. The plane gave a mayday call, then lost contact with air traffic control. It hit a doctors' hostel in a crowded neighborhood called Meghani Nagar.

Eyewitnesses said they saw black smoke and heard explosions. One mother said her son jumped from a second-floor window and was injured. Rescue crews rushed in to put out the fire and search for survivors.

Video footage shows chaos and smoke rising from the wreckage. Emergency services are still working at the scene. Of the 242 people onboard, 53 were British, 169 were Indian, 1 Canadian, and 7 Portuguese. The aircraft was a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner with 256 seats.

Air India set up an emergency center to help families. Gatwick Airport in London is also helping relatives of passengers.

Boeing said it is in touch with Air India and ready to help. This is the first major crash of a Boeing 787-8 like this.

India's aviation minister said all rescue and medical services were being mobilized. The chief minister of Gujarat said help was being sent urgently and operations were underway at "war footing."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was "stunned and saddened." UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer called the crash "devastating." King Charles and Queen Camilla said they were "desperately shocked" and praised the rescue workers.

Investigations into the crash are ongoing. The cause of the crash is not known, however it appears that the plane lost power, possibly due to multiple bird strikes, and never got more than about 650 feet from the ground after takeoff. Another possibility is that the plane was overloaded and carrying excess weight.

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A frame from a verified video shown on BBC of the plane just before the crash.

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In the matter of Section 12 (1) (d) of the Title by Registration Act Chapter 10.19 of The 2009 Revised Laws of Saint Christopher and Nevis

In the matter of an Application by GARY NOLAN for the issue of a First Certificate of Title of plot of land situate at Mount Lily in the Parish of Saint James in the Island of Nevis

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SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificates of Title, noting thereon and Caveats

for week ending the 13th day of June, 2025

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Request
28th day of April, 2025	**GARY NOLAN** of Bath Plain in the Parish of Saint John, Nevis by his Solicitors Daniel Brantley, Attorneys-at-Law	For the issue of a First Certificate of Title to 13,200 square feet or 0.303 acres of land situate at Mount Lily in the Parish of Saint James in the Island of Nevis

On or towards the North by the Main Public Road through Fountain leading to the Island Main Road 83.92 feet; On or towards the South by Hog Valley Estate and land of George Clarke 70.93 feet; On or towards the East by land of Winston Clarke 159.90 feet; And on or towards the West by land of George Clarke 181.89 feet all as the same is set forth and delineated on the plan attached hereto or howsoever otherwise the same may be known bounded and described.

Dated the 4th day of June, 2025

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

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WHO calls for ban on flavoured tobacco and nicotine products

On World No Tobacco Day, the World Health Organization (WHO) today launches a new publication and calls on governments to urgently ban all flavours in tobacco and nicotine products, including cigarettes, pouches, hookahs and e-cigarettes to protect youth from addiction and disease.

Flavours like menthol, bubble gum and cotton candy are masking the harshness of tobacco and nicotine products turning toxic products into youth-friendly bait. Flavours not only make it harder to quit but have also been linked to serious lung diseases. Cigarettes, which still kill up to half of their users, also come in flavours or can have flavours added to them.

"Flavours are fuelling a new wave of addiction, and should be banned," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO. "They undermine decades of progress in tobacco control. Without bold action, the global tobacco epidemic, already killing around 8 million people each year, will continue to be driven by addiction dressed up with appealing flavours."

Flavours are a leading reason why young people try tobacco and nicotine products. Paired with flashy packaging and social media-driven marketing, they've increased the appeal of nicotine pouches, heated tobacco, and disposable vapes into addictive and harmful products, which aggressively target young people.

"We are watching a generation get hooked on nicotine through gummy bear-flavoured pouches and rainbow-coloured vapes," said Dr Rüdiger Krech, WHO Director of Health Promotion. "This isn't innovation, it's manipulation. And we must stop it."

WHO reiterates that tobacco products, including heated tobacco products expose users to cancer-causing chemicals and should be strictly regulated.

According to recent data, the Region of the Americas currently has the second highest prevalence of tobacco use among adolescents aged 13 to 15 years, with 11.9% of boys and 10.7% of girls reporting use. The region also shows the smallest gender gap, indicating a concerning equalization in consumption patterns. At the same time, the use of electronic cigarettes is on the rise, particularly among adolescents and youth. In this age group, the regional average for e-cigarette use stands at 5.4%, a figure alarmingly close to the prevalence of conventional cigarette use, which is 6%.

COURTESY PHOTO

Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank,Timothy Antoine urged attendees to prioritise the fundamentals of cybersecurity and remain committed to protecting public trust at the 30th Annual Conference of Regional Central Banks Information Systems Specialists on June 4.

Cybersecurity trust at the core: ECCB governor tells regional IT experts

Governor of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), Timothy N. J. Antoine, officially opened the 30th Annual Conference of Regional Central Banks Information Systems Specialists on June 4, urging attendees to prioritise the fundamentals of cybersecurity and remain committed to protecting public trust in the region's financial systems.

Held under the theme "Beyond Borders: Collaboration, Innovation and Resilience in Central Banking IT," the conference welcomed IT specialists from central banks across the region, including Aruba, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Curaçao, Haiti, Jamaica, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Addressing the participants, Governor Antoine stated, "The number one asset of a central bank is trust. T-R-U-S-T, trust." He added, "Your work and what you do touches and concerns macroeconomic stability, smooth payment systems functioning, monetary policy, financial stability—but also, very important—trust. Which I've established is our most important asset."

He stressed the importance of not being distracted by new and flashy technology at the expense of core security protocols. "We have to get the basics right," he said. "This might sound trite, this might sound obvious, but I'm told that 80% of all attacks are against known threats. So before we get to the unknowns, make sure we have the border secure when it comes to the known threats. That's fundamental."

Governor Antoine acknowledged the financial constraints many institutions face and advised a focused approach to cybersecurity investments. "Sometimes a good Toyota Corolla will get you there if you can't afford a Cadillac or a Lamborghini," he noted, illustrating the point that reliability and consistency often outweigh luxury in building

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Massive illegal weapons seizure shakes Jamaican authorities

Jamaican authorities have made their biggest ever illegal weapons bust. They discovered 233 guns—74 rifles and 159 handguns—along with over 40,000 bullets.

The weapons were cleverly hidden inside an industrial water heater at a warehouse in Kingston, but were detected by scanning technology.

Deputy Prime Minister and Security Minister Horace Chang said the seizure showed how useful new port scanning equipment has been, as well as strong cooperation between the Customs Agency and the police.

He refused to give further details, saying it might interfere with the ongoing investigation. Prime Minister Andrew Holness spoke firmly, warning those involved in trafficking that "we will find them." He said the shipment posed a serious threat to Jamaica's sovereignty.

Officials believe the weapons were smuggled from the United States. For years, Jamaica has struggled with illegal guns entering the country from the US. Now, the American government is stepping up efforts to help, with new laws and increased support from agencies like the ATF.

Even though Jamaica's murder rate has fallen by 43% and is now the lowest since 1991, criminologist Jason McKay said this arms seizure was still a major crisis. He described it as "enough guns to arm a small army" and warned it could damage progress in public safety. He called for tougher punishments for those behind such large-scale trafficking.

There have been no arrests yet, and officials are not naming suspects. However, they say they are working with US authorities to follow leads, both in Jamaica and abroad. No political motive has been alleged. So far, authorities appear to be treating it as a case of transnational organized crime—smuggling for gangs, not arming a force for a coup.

The scale of the find—guns and ammunition hidden in a water heater—shows a new level of smuggling sophistication. It also points to the ambitions of organised crime groups who are clearly well-funded and determined.

The bust highlights serious problems: guns coming in from abroad and strong demand within Jamaica.

The government is counting on improved technology and stronger international partnerships to fight the threat.

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IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

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In the Matter of an Application for Letters of Administration in the Estate of Caroline Adosia Smith, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MIDGE A. MORTON** of North Shore Estates in the Parish of Saint John in the Island of Nevis, Attorney for Margaret Hilary Elliott, the lawful daughter and administratrix of the deceased, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant, the deceased having died intestate on the 28th day of March 1984, intestate.

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

Dated this 12th day of February 2025.

MORTON ROBINSON, L.P.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Filed by Midge Morton of Morton Robinson, L.P. Upstairs Slacks Building, Waterfront, Charlestown, Nevis, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is that of her Attorneys at Law.

EDITORIAL

We will continue to pray for Haiti and its suffering people

It cannot be deemed unfounded for a former Prime Minister to ask questions over the transparency and accountability of a current multimillion-dollar transaction of national importance.

We believe that Dr. Timothy Harris is well within his rights to call for full disclosure on the sale of The Marina at Christophe Harbour. His request, more akin to a demand, came after it was revealed by Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew that the government has secured direct payments of nearly EC$25 million from the transaction, and that the sale is a "turning point" for St. Kitts and Nevis.

The projection is that as part of the government's Sustainable Island State Agenda, the development would "boost economic activity, expand the marina by 40 percent, and bring global prestige to the island's yachting industry".

Dr. Drew disclosed that the funds were used to pay longstanding debts to institutions such as the Social Security Board, SKELEC, the Sugar Industry Diversification Fund, and the National Bank.

Dr. Harris is not satisfied with what has been made known, and has accused Dr. Drew of proclaiming openness, but refusing to reveal the terms of the purchase agreement, the identity of all beneficiaries, or the concessions extended to the new owners – promised tax breaks and incentives – and for how long.

The former Prime Minister reminded us that the original agreement signed in 2005, committed Christophe Harbour developers to generating over US$17 billion in economic activity over 20 years, including funding all infrastructure at their own expense. Dr. Harris claims that the developers instead borrowed heavily from the National Bank to finance the marina and Customs House.

He says the country has been left with incomplete development and broken promises, and claims that over EC$49 million in arrears were left unpaid to the National Bank, along with millions more owed to SKELEC and Social Security—only partially settled in the sale.

That 20-year concession period ends this year, and Dr. Harris says that the developers have not met the fundamental terms of their own agreement and "the people of this country have been left with the debt, the burden, and unanswered questions."

He has called for a full audit of the Christophe Harbour project, publication of the purchase agreement and concession terms, and repayment of all outstanding debts to national institutions. He even suggested invoking compulsory acquisition powers if necessary.

"We must never allow foreign developers to walk away with our resources

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COMMENTARY

Antigua and Barbuda hosts the OAS at a crucial juncture for the Americas

Sir Ronald Sanders
Columnist

The 55th Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) will be held in one of its smallest member states at a time of global political and economic uncertainty. That uncertainty is reflected across the Americas and within the OAS itself.

In this regard, the General Assembly in Antigua and Barbuda, from June 25 to 27, takes on special significance: it must provide the atmosphere and leadership to reinforce the OAS as a relevant instrument for advancing both individual and collective interests in the hemisphere.

Adding to the importance of this session is the first official appearance of the Organization's new Secretary-General, Albert Ramdin, who assumed office for a five-year term on May 26. He is the first national from the CARICOM group elected to this top post. For 40 years, CARICOM nationals held only the Assistant Secretary-General role, while Latin American countries dominated the leadership. His unanimous election, following a contest with Paraguay's Foreign Minister, reflects confidence in CARICOM's contributions within the OAS. CARICOM representatives have worked diligently in OAS Councils, over many years, to earn this respect.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, as host and Chair of the Assembly, is acutely conscious of its role in providing an environment and guidance suited to current challenges. This Assembly takes place amid overlapping political, economic, social, security, and environmental pressures, and against a backdrop of longstanding institutional strains within the OAS. Those strains

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Ummm ... SWMNBMM feels I have a terrible habit

Off the Beaten Path ...

Tommy Wells
Humour columnist

If you asked She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad, she would probably tell you I tend to be an impulsive buyer. You know, one of those people who see something shiny or interesing and buy it. Especially when it comes to newspapers.

I wouldn't disagree with her summation ... I just prefer to think that she just likes to call me names that can be printed.

To be honest, she might be right. Whenever I drive and pass through a town, I always stop, using the excuse that I'm thirsty or hungry, or both, and buy a paper. It's so fun to see what other folks in the industry are doing. It's been a lifelong passion of mine. I figure it's cheaper than the lottery and it won't get me thrown into jail ... so it's an acceptable vice.

Here's the part that drives SWMNBMM to the moon. I also tend to obtain newspapers. As in buy them from time-to-time. Usually, they are small-town papers that don't make too much - or any - money, but they're fun. And I like fun. Over the years, I have owned about 12-15 newspapers, including seven at one time a few years ago.

When our three youngest children reached high school age, we decided to get rid of them so we could spend more time at home. I guess I spent too much time at home because a little while later, SWMNBMM said I could by

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Defence force supports rehab for prison inmates through skills training

His Majesty's Prison (HMP) has continued its long-standing partnership with the St. Kitts-Nevis Defence Force (SKNDF) to reinforce the rehabilitation of inmates through hands-on skill training.

The SKNDF plays a key role in supporting the rehabilitation programme by providing inmates with technical training in areas such as auto mechanics, welding, agriculture, and other vocational skills. The initiative, which has been in place for over a decade, has already benefited scores of inmates and continues to be a cornerstone of prison reform efforts.

Acting Commander of the SKNDF, Major Kayode Sutton, spoke to the impact of the programme, noting that all inmates working at Camp Springfield or other Defence Force locations are strictly governed by SKNDF rules and regulations.

"Nothing is permitted that would violate the regulations of either the SKNDF or HMP, or compromise safety," Major Sutton stated, as he dismissed a recent social media post criticising the initiative as mischievous and unfounded.

He reaffirmed the Defence Force's commitment to the rehabilitation effort, encouraging members of the Force to remain steadfast in their support for the program.

COURTESY PHOTO
Acting Commander of the SKNDF, Major Kayode Sutton.

"We must continue helping, developing, and rehabilitating these individuals so that they can re-enter society as productive citizens contributing to national development," he said.

The HMP-SKNDF collaboration remains a key component of efforts to reform the penal system by equipping inmates with the skills needed to lead constructive lives after incarceration.

Ali leads Guyana's clean-up effort

Early Sunday morning, government ministers, soldiers, and local volunteers took part in a nationwide clean-up campaign. The event was led by President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali.

People from the private sector, the joint services, and other caring citizens joined the effort to clean up the capital, Georgetown, and other places across the country.

Public Works Minister Bishop Juan Edghill and his team focused on the area near Aubrey Barker Road. He said garbage disposal is a serious problem in Georgetown and needs to be addressed.

"We've done a lot of work to fix roads, drains, and the city's appearance," he said. "But the habit of dumping trash carelessly must stop."

He gave an example of how uncovered sand trucks lose sand in the wind, which then clogs drains and causes water to stay on the roads. He also said loose stones from trucks can cause accidents.

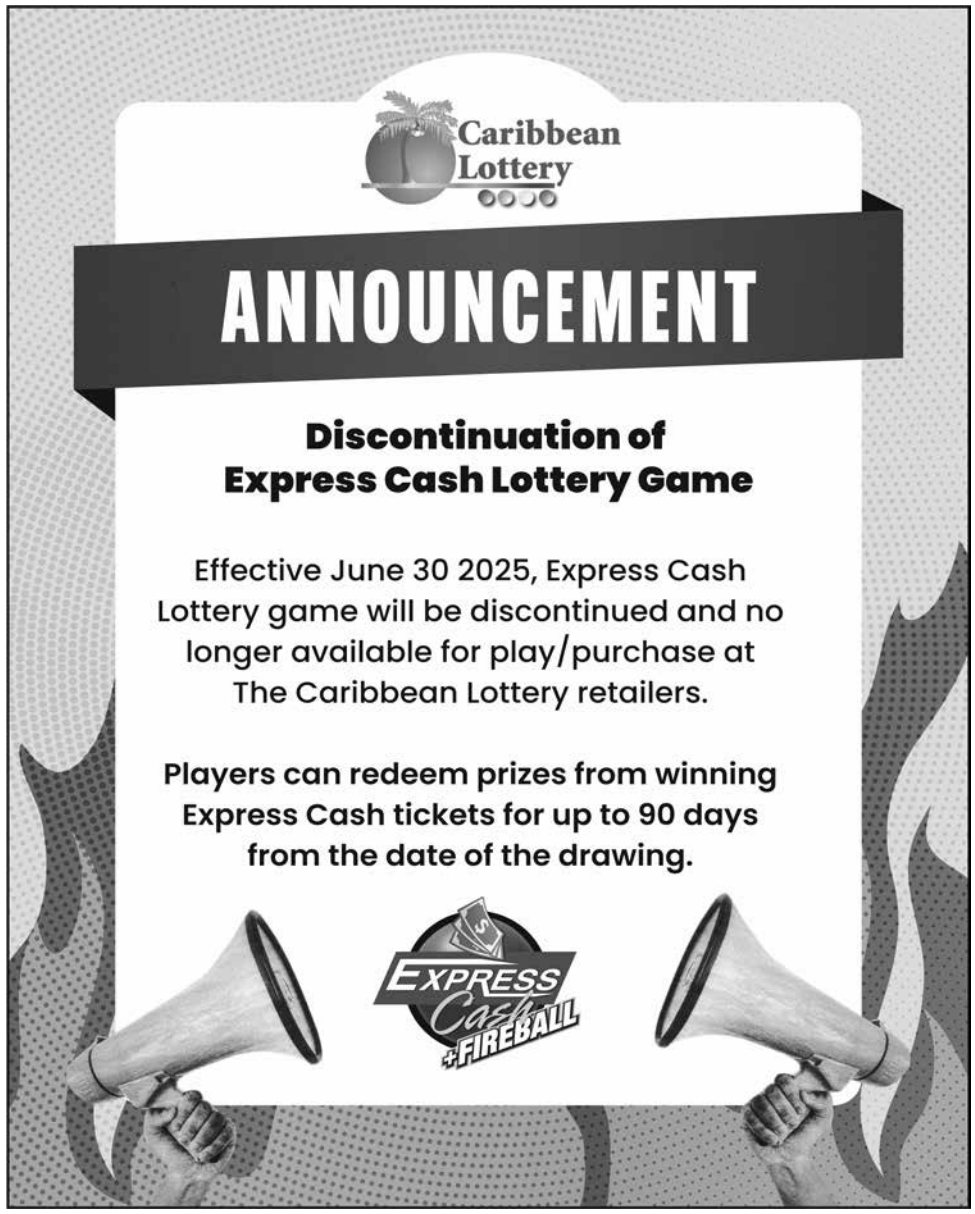
Minister of Housing and Water Collin Croal worked on the clean-up around Princess and High Streets. He encouraged people to take pride in their surroundings and stop dumping trash.

He said, "Two years ago this area was much worse. It's better now, but we all must help. The president and his team are setting an example."

Minister Kwame McCoy, who handles public affairs, helped clean Hadfield Street. He criticized the city council for failing to do its job of collecting garbage properly. He praised volunteers, private businesses, and NGOs for providing equipment like trucks and excavators.

Brigadier Omar Khan said that more than 200 members of the Guyana Defence Force were working in various parts of the city.

This was the 10th national clean-up effort since the PPP/C government returned to power in 2020.



Bold new crab farming initiative is introduced

A bold new marine conservation and sustainability initiative has been launched by the Department of Marine Resources in partnership with the Caribbean Aquatic Restoration Effort St. Kitts and Nevis (C.A.R.E.SKN), aimed at protecting coral reefs while creating economic opportunities for local fishers.

At the heart of the initiative is the farming of the Caribbean King Crab — a species known for its vital role in reef health. These "reef cleaners" feed on algae that threaten coral ecosystems, making them both an ecological asset and a viable resource for sustainable harvesting.

Marine biologist and C.A.R.E.SKN Co-Director Rudell Williams said the initiative offers wide-reaching benefits, from environmental restoration to alternative livelihoods.

"This opens up new opportunities for people to farm, learn how to scuba dive, monitor the reefs, and bring back crabs farmed right here in the ocean," Williams explained. "It's not just about conservation; it's also about sustainable fishing and providing options for our fisherfolk."

The initiative supports three core goals:

1. **Rehabilitating coral reefs** through the reintroduction of algae-grazing crabs;

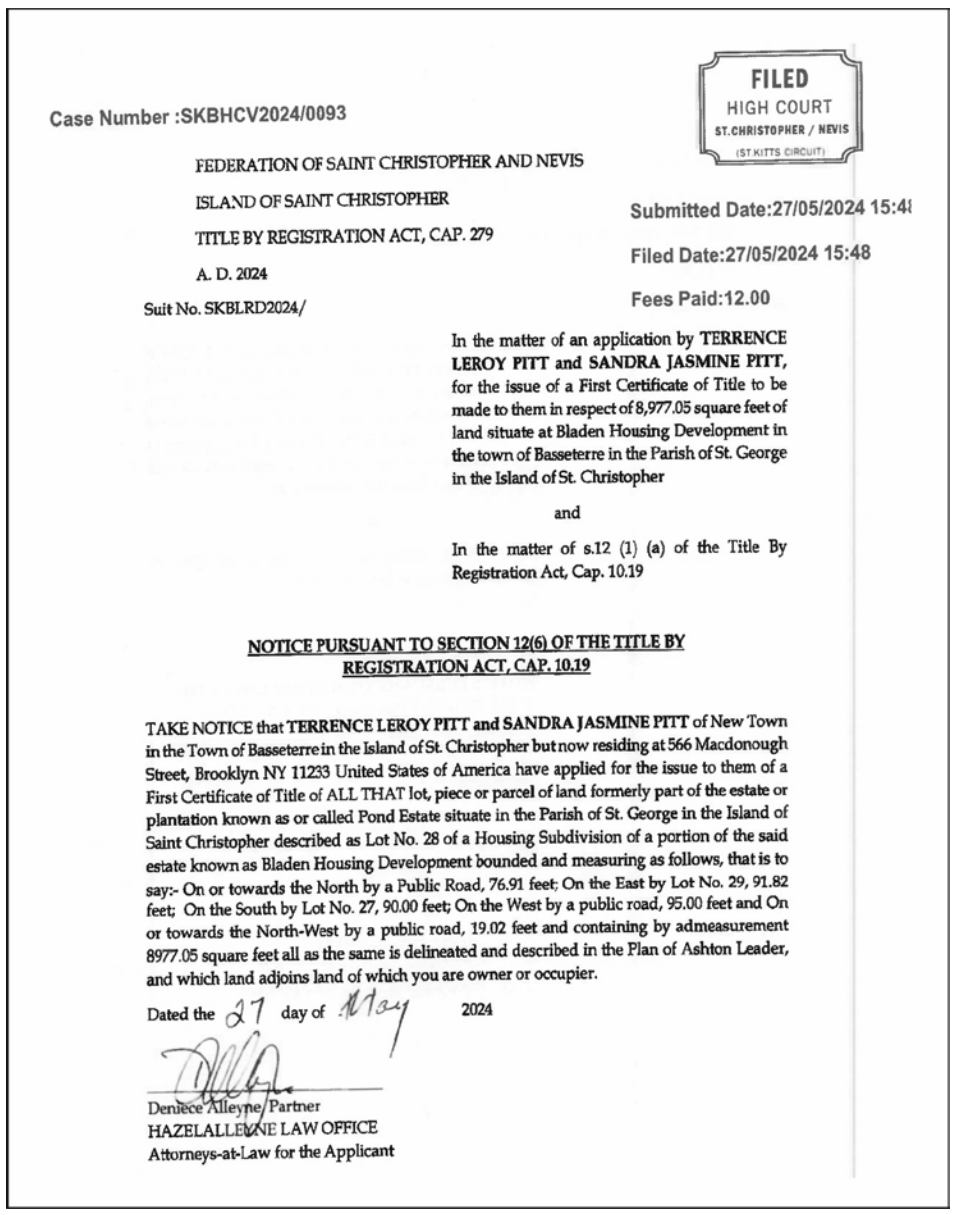
2. **Promoting sustainable fishing** by offering crab farming as an alternative source of income during off-seasons or periods of low fish stocks;

3. **Equipping communities** with aquaculture, reef monitoring, and seafood production skills.

Training for the programme was led by Dr. Jason Spadaro of the Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium in Florida, a globally recognised leader in marine restoration. The first phase includes the installation of two adult crab cages and eight juvenile cages in Tamarind Cove, Nevis, and the South Peninsula, St. Kitts. The crabs are expected to reach harvest maturity within a year.

The project is backed by international partners including UNOPS, UNDP, the GEF Small Grants Programme, and PROCARIBE+, who are helping to drive the initiative forward.

A second training session is scheduled for November this year, offering even more Kittitians and Nevisians a chance to engage in this innovative and sustainable marine venture.



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In the matter of an application by **TERRENCE LEROY PITT and SANDRA JASMINE PITT,** for the issue of a First Certificate of Title to be made to them in respect of 8,977.05 square feet of land situate at Bladen Housing Development in the town of Basseterre in the Parish of St. George in the Island of St. Christopher

and

In the matter of s.12 (1) (a) of the Title By Registration Act, Cap. 10.19

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(6) OF THE TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19

TAKE NOTICE that **TERRENCE LEROY PITT and SANDRA JASMINE PITT** of New Town in the Town of Basseterre in the Island of St. Christopher but now residing at 566 Macdonough Street, Brooklyn NY 11233 United States of America have applied for the issue to them of a First Certificate of Title of ALL THAT lot, piece or parcel of land formerly part of the estate or plantation known as or called Pond Estate situate in the Parish of St. George in the Island of Saint Christopher described as Lot No. 28 of a Housing Subdivision of a portion of the said estate known as Bladen Housing Development bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North by a Public Road, 76.91 feet; On the East by Lot No. 29, 91.82 feet; On the South by Lot No. 27, 90.00 feet; On the West by a public road, 95.00 feet and On or towards the North-West by a public road, 19.02 feet and containing by admeasurement 8977.05 square feet all as the same is delineated and described in the Plan of Ashton Leader, and which land adjoins land of which you are owner or occupier.

Dated the 27 day of May 2024

Deniece Alleyne/Partner
HAZELALLEYNE LAW OFFICE
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Funk icon Sly Stone dies at 82

Sly Stone, the famous funk-rock musician who led the group Sly and the Family Stone, has died at the age of 82.

His family said he died after a long illness caused by COPD, a lung disease that makes breathing hard, along with other health problems.

His family said, "Sly was a huge figure in music. He changed pop, funk, and rock forever. His songs are unforgettable and still influence artists today."

Sly Stone, whose real name was Sylvester Stewart, became well known in the 1960s and 1970s. He started as a DJ in San Francisco after singing gospel music with his siblings when he was young.

Later, he formed a band with his brother. At first, they played gospel music, but over time they mixed different styles like funk and psychedelic rock. The group, Sly and the Family Stone, became famous for both their sound and their diverse lineup of Black and white musicians.

Their 1967 hit "Dance to the Music" reached number 8 on the Billboard Pop chart. They also played a famous show at the Woodstock Festival in 1969 and performed at the Summer of Soul concert in Harlem that same year.

PHOTO COURTESY SIMON FERNANDEZ
Sly Stone performing in 2007.

His family said Sly had recently finished writing a movie script about his life, which they hope to release later.

In the 1970s, the band faced problems with arguments and drug use. Sly sometimes performed solo, but the group eventually broke up.

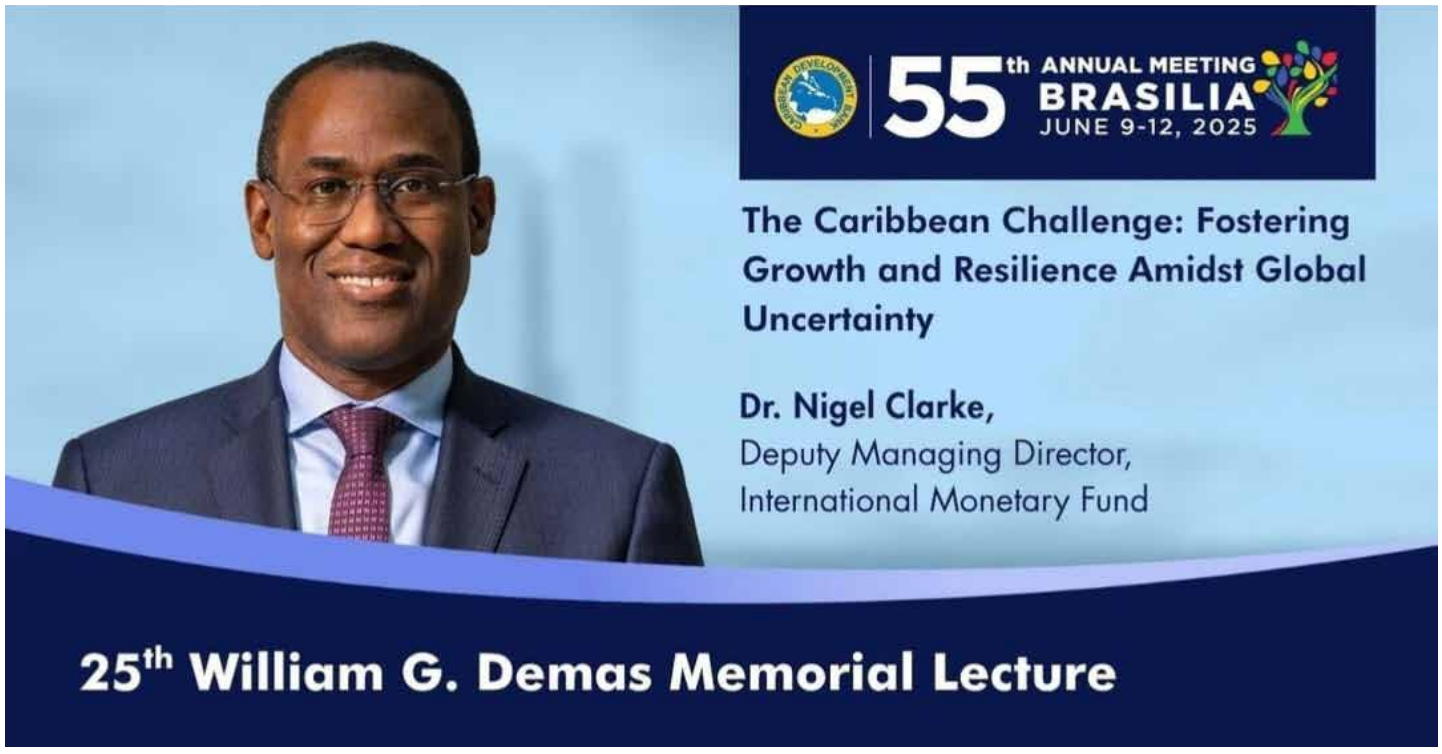
In 1993, Sly and the Family Stone were added to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Sly made a brief return to the stage at the 2005 Grammy Awards but was rarely seen in public after that.

CDB holds 55th annual meeting in Brazil

By Rick Amburgey
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) held its 55th Annual Meeting from June 10 to 12 in Brasília, Brazil, under the theme "Building the Future: Resilient for a Greener, Stronger, and Inclusive Caribbean."

The event opened on Tuesday with the 25th William G. Demas Memorial Lecture, which honours the legacy and thought leadership of William Demas, the CDB's second president. This year's lecture was delivered by Dr. Nigel Clarke, Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and former Jamaican Finance Minister. Dr. Clarke addressed the topic "The Caribbean Challenge: Fostering Growth and Resilience Amidst Global Uncertainty," highlighting how sound policymaking can help unlock the region's economic potential.



On Wednesday, newly-elected CDB President Daniel Best delivered the keynote address at the official opening ceremony. In his address, Best outlined the bank's enhanced strategic direction and emphasised key areas of focus for fostering regional development.

Later that day, the first seminar of the meeting—titled "Accelerating Project Implementation to Reduce Poverty"—focused on the persistent implementation challenges faced by the Bank's Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs). Discussions centred on closing existing gaps to improve efficiency and impact in poverty reduction initiatives.

Thursday's agenda centred around food security and financial innovation. The morning panel discussion, "Global Food Security in a Changing Climate: Ensuring Fairer Food Systems to Meet Global Supply and Demand Pressures," explored the challenges posed by climate change and the need for more equitable food systems. In the afternoon, the second seminar, "Fintech: Finding the Balance Between Disruption and Creation," addressed the evolving role of financial technology in driving innovation while maintaining stability.

The three-day meeting concluded with a closing ceremony on Thursday evening, marking the end of a significant gathering aimed at shaping a more resilient and inclusive Caribbean future.

Jamaica unveils plan to ensure roads have the correct names, addresses

Prime Minister Andrew Holness announced a new plan on June 10 to make sure all roads in Jamaica have the correct names and addresses.

He said the government is working on recording information about the country's 27,000 kilometers of roads. A new programme will come from this effort, aimed at fixing problems like roads being spelled differently on different maps and addresses not being consistent.

He was speaking at an event in Old Harbour, St. Catherine, where a drainage project was completed.

Mr. Holness said the project will also find out which government body is responsible for each road—whether it's the National Works Agency (NWA), Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA), or a local council. This will help avoid confusion when roads need fixing.

He gave examples where people ask the Member of Parliament to fix a road, but are told it's a parish council road. Then the council says it's a national road, or even a farm road. Sometimes, roads in new housing areas were never officially handed over to any authority, so no one takes care of them.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jamaica is sorting out the names of roads to make sure that everyone has a proper address.

Once the roads are fully recorded, the government will check their condition and rank them by how badly they need repairs.

Mr. Holness also mentioned the $45-billion SPARK Programme, which will focus on fixing over 600 roads across the island.

He reminded people that with over 27,000 kilometers of roads—and half in bad shape—it will take time. Some roads haven't been repaired in 50 or 60 years. It might take at least ten years to fix them all.

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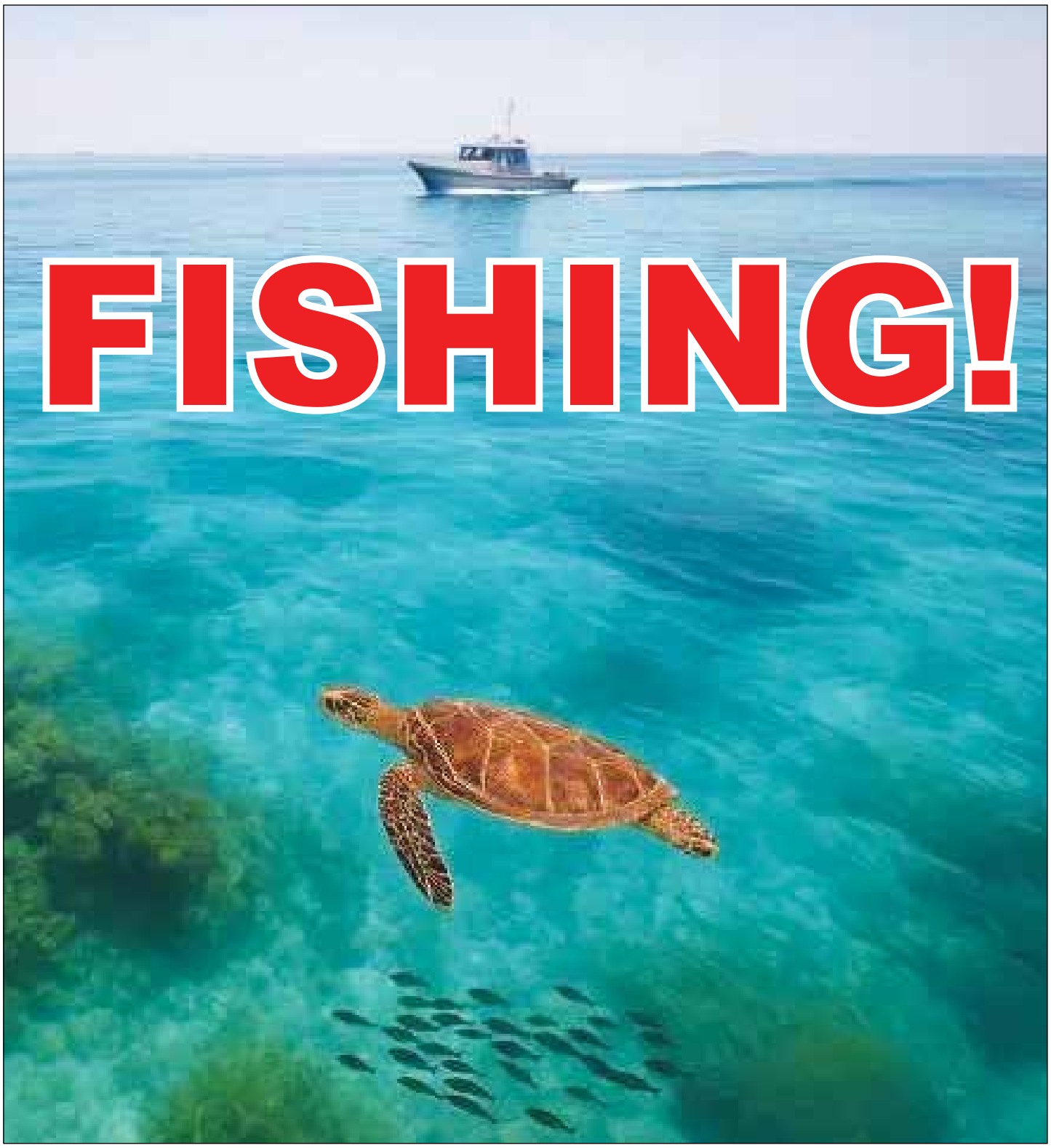
Colombia's bold ocean move to protect marine life



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Colombia President Gustavo Petro announced the country has designated a large fishing free area.

Colombia has created a large new marine protected area in the Caribbean Sea. The area includes the Serranilla and Bajo Nuevo banks, which are far from the mainland but rich in sea life. Together, the two areas cover about 3,800 square kilometers. This is an important step in Colombia's efforts to protect the environment.

President Gustavo Petro made the announcement as part of his climate and marine protection plan.

Scientists are happy with the move, saying it will help save coral reefs, seagrass beds, and deepwater ecosystems. These waters are home to at least 32 species that are threatened or endangered, such as hawksbill turtles, queen triggerfish, reef sharks, and deep-sea corals. These species are in danger from overfishing, climate change, and illegal activities.

The area is also politically sensitive. Colombia, Nicaragua, and others have argued over who controls it. But the Colombian government says this decision follows international agreements to protect nature. Officials say they will monitor the area and stop illegal fishing.

Environmental groups have praised the move. It helps Colombia work toward its goal of protecting 30% of its land and sea by 2030, which is part of a global plan to stop biodiversity loss. As ocean temperatures rise and pollution increases, scientists say protected zones like this one are important for marine life to survive and recover.

Some people in the fishing industry are worried the new rules will hurt their work. But the government says it will talk with local communities and indigenous groups to make sure their rights are respected.

The big challenge now is to turn the law into real action. That means finding money, doing patrols, and working with other countries.

Brantley pushes for regional airlift, connectivity at CARIBAVIA conference

Premier of Nevis and Minister of Tourism, Trade, and Consumer Affairs, the Honourable Mark Brantley, delivered a strong appeal for enhanced regional airlift and connectivity during his keynote address at the 7th Annual CARIBAVIA Conference, held in St. Barths from June 10 to 12.

Speaking on the topic Inter-Island Relations and Airport Development, Premier Brantley underscored the urgent need for improved transportation infrastructure to strengthen tourism, trade, and investment throughout the Caribbean.

"Strengthening air links with St. Barths and other key regional hubs will support our tourism sector, attract new investments, and deepen the economic ties that bind our islands," Premier Brantley told the Department of Information following his presentation. "As we continue to build meaningful partnerships, my discussions with stakeholders highlighted the mutual opportunities that exist between Nevis and St. Barths—two destinations rich in culture, luxury, and a shared regional vision."

> ***'Our ongoing plans to expand the Vance W. Amory International Airport remain a central part of our strategy to enhance connectivity and improve the travel experience to and from Nevis. Strengthening air links with St. Barths and other key regional hubs will support our tourism sector, attract new investments, and deepen the economic ties that bind our islands.'***
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> **Hon. Mark Brantley**
> **Premier of Nevis**

Joining Premier Brantley at the high-level forum was the Honourable Alexis Jeffers, Special Advisor to the Office of the Premier on Investment Matters, who delivered an in-depth update on the proposed expansion of the Vance W. Amory International Airport in Nevis.

"This project represents a bold step forward for Nevis to become a more accessible and competitive destination in the region," Jeffers remarked during his address.

Premier Brantley also held a bilateral meeting with President Xavier Lédée of St. Barths, where the two leaders explored new avenues for strengthening tourism and trade ties, while also considering potential collaboration in agriculture and other strategic sectors.

He expressed appreciation to the CARIBAVIA organisers for facilitating meaningful regional dialogue. "I was pleased that myself and the Honourable Alexis Jeffers were able to attend this important conference, which plays a vital role in shaping the future of aviation and tourism in our region," he said.

CARIBAVIA—the Caribbean Aviation Meetup—is the leading regional conference bringing together stakeholders from aviation, tourism, business development, government, and academia. This year's discussions included Strategic Air Service Development, liberalising inter-island travel, creating a Caribbean International Aviation Academy, and exploring the integration of AI in tourism and aviation.

As Premier Brantley and his Concerned Citizens Movement (CCM)-led administration continue to advocate for modernised infrastructure and strategic regional partnerships, Nevis is positioning itself as a forward-thinking island committed to regional mobility and long-term economic resilience.

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Premier of Nevis and Minister of Tourism in the Nevis Island Administration, the Honourable Mark Brantley, delivers remarks as a featured speaker at the 7th Annual CARIBAVIA Conference held in St. Barths on June 10.

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In the Matter of the Title by Registration Act Cap 10.19
and
In the Matter of a Certificate of Title registered in Book 40 Folio 294 in respect of lands situate Fig Tree in the parish of St. John in the island of Nevis
and
In the matter of an Application in respect of a replacement Certificate of Title pursuant to section 144 of the Title by Registration Act
In the Matter of the Title by Registration Act Cap 10.19

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made to the Registrar in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of lost Certificate of Title dated the 14th day of November 2002 and registered in the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit at Book 40 Folio 294 in favour of **GLADYS BENJAMIN** of Victoria Road but residing in St John United States Virgin Islands for ALL THAT lot of land situate at Fig Tree in the Parish of St John in the island of Nevis admeasuring 0.416 acre and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- **On the North-East partly by lands of M Stanley and partly by lands of R. Hill, 151.34 feet; On the South-East by an Estate Road, 119.51 feet; On the South-West partly by lands of E. Peters and partly by lands of C. Webbe 148.37 feet and On the North-West by lands of Mildred Claxton, 123.82 feet** all as the same is delineated and set forth on the plan by J. S Napier and copied by Dave Simon both Licensed Land Surveyors dated the 28th day of April 1978.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate which may lead to its recovery is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Land Registry, Office, Charlestown, Nevis or Hector & Nisbett Chambers, North Memorial Square Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

Dated the 10th day of June 2025

Patrice D. Nisbett
Hector & Nisbett
Solicitors

Caribbean leaders delay summit on Haiti crisis

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) has delayed a virtual meeting that was supposed to focus on the crisis in Haiti.

The meeting was part of the 41st Inter-Sessional Meeting but has been pushed back because of "unforeseen circumstances," according to the CARICOM Secretariat in Georgetown, Guyana.

Officials didn't say exactly why the meeting was postponed. However, sources say the talks were expected to deal with Haiti's worsening political and economic situation.

The leaders were also planning to discuss how ready the member countries are to follow the rules for free movement under the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). These rules would make it easier for people, goods, and money to move freely between the 15 countries in the group.

No new date has been set yet, but CARICOM says it will announce one later this month. The leaders are getting ready for their regular yearly summit in Jamaica from July 6 to 8. At that time, Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness will take over the leadership of CARICOM from Prime Minister Mia Mottley of Barbados.

Haiti continues to be a major concern in the region. CARICOM is trying to help bring stability and encourage political talks in the country. The delay in the meeting shows just how difficult and complex the situation is — not only in Haiti, but across the region.

More information about the new meeting date and CARICOM's efforts to help Haiti is expected soon.

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ECCO loses its bid to suspend enforcement of copyright regulations

The High Court of Justice has denied an application by the Eastern Caribbean Collective Organisation for Music Rights (ECCO) Inc. according to a government release for interim relief aimed at halting the enforcement of the Copyright (Collective Management Organisations) Regulations, 2024, recently implemented by the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis.

ECCO, a regional non-profit based in Saint Lucia, has operated in Saint Kitts and Nevis since 2013 as a Collective Management Organisation (CMO). The group licenses the use of musical works on behalf of over 950 members across the OECS. On June 5, the Court refused ECCO's attempt to suspend enforcement of the new regulations, which came into force in December 2024, thereby affirming the government's authority to regulate CMOs.

The Regulations, enacted under the Copyright Act No. 14 of 2024, were designed to establish a transparent and fair licensing framework. They require all CMOs operating within Saint Kitts and Nevis to obtain authorisation from the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, ensuring accountability in the collection and distribution of royalties.

In its defence, the Government cited several concerns: ECCO was consulted on the Regulations since 2023 but failed to comply; had not applied for the required licence to operate under the new law; and continued to issue licences unlawfully after the Regulations took effect. The organisation was also said to be not in good corporate standing, having missed annual returns filings for three consecutive years (2023–2025) until after public notice was issued. Additionally, ECCO had been downgraded to provisional status by international oversight body CISAC and had delayed royalty payments to creatives.

The Ministry also noted that the Regulations were developed over three years in close consultation with stakeholders, including the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

In an official statement dated June 4, 2025, ECCO said it regretted the government's recent press release on the issue, claiming it omitted important facts. ECCO emphasised that it exists to support local creatives by licensing the use of their music, thereby helping them earn revenue from their work. The organisation raised concerns that the Minister's

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conference. "They got a very limited number of shares to do the plan and the structuring of the airport. It is not at this stage to do the whole of the airport."

Dr Drew revealed that approximately 60 shares have been allocated so far, which he said cover only the feasibility studies and preparatory work. "It's just for the feasibility study and stuff—nothing to do with the construction of the airport itself, which is a different matter," he said.

The Prime Minister contrasted this approach with the previous administration's prison project, which involved the allocation of roughly 5,500 shares—potentially valuing up to 25,000 shares. He also took the opportunity to distinguish his administration's commitment to transparency from that of his predecessor, Dr Timothy Harris.

"When he was asked about the prison project, he said it has nothing to do with St. Kitts and Nevis, it's a private contract, and he cannot give the numbers because it's an industry secret," Dr Drew said. "But you asked me the information today, and I shared it with you."

Meanwhile, the CIDC—designated as the Approved Public Benefactor for the project—has publicly promoted the airport expansion as a landmark initiative under the Citizenship by Investment Programme's Public Benefit Option, positioning St. Kitts and Nevis as a model for how investment migration can drive tangible national development.

> ***'St. Kitts and Nevis pioneered the world's first CBI programme. Today, the future of investment migration is being shaped here," the CIDC. The Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport Expansion is redefining what CBI can deliver: infrastructure, jobs, economic growth, and long-term national value.'***
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> **Caribbean Infrastructure Development Corporation**

"St. Kitts and Nevis pioneered the world's first CBI programme. Today, the future of investment migration is being shaped here," the CIDC stated in a recent release. "The Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport Expansion is redefining what CBI can deliver: infrastructure, jobs, economic growth, and long-term national value."

The project has been designated an Approved Public Benefit Project under the CBI Programme and is marketed as a high-impact opportunity for discerning investors. Key features being promoted by CIDC include:

- Nation-building through transformative infrastructure
- Transparent, government-backed investment
- Strategic global access rooted in real outcomes

According to CIDC, this initiative allows investors to play a direct role in shaping national progress while securing second citizenship for themselves and their families. Benefits include visa-free access, a favourable tax regime, and alignment with a project that contributes to sustainable economic growth.

"This is the Public Benefit Option in flight," CIDC declared, encouraging potential investors to "step into a future defined by mobility, security, and meaningful impact."

With the project still in its early stages, the Government has pledged continued transparency as the development unfolds. Dr Drew reiterated his administration's promise to share relevant information with the public as it becomes available.

The Robert L. Bradshaw International Airport Expansion aims to position St. Kitts and Nevis as a major hub for global travel and investment, and stands as a symbol of the country's broader ambitions in infrastructure-led growth.

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In the Estate of **WELLINGTON BROOKES also known as WELLINGTON SEABROOKS** late of Carty Alley, Newtown, Basseterre, St. Kitts, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE than an application has been filed by **WALDEN MITCHELL also known as WENDELL MITCHAM** of Carty Alley, Newtown, Basseterre, in the island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis and **MARLON LEROY DOUGLAS** of St. Johnston Village, Basseterre, in the island of Saint Christopher for a Grant de bonis non administratus with will annexed of the above named deceased who died on 15th March, 2009 without revoking a will bearing the date of the 25th day of October, 2007 wherein the applicant, Walden Mitcham also known as Wendell Mitcham is named a beneficiary and Claudius Jeffers is named as the sole executor and a beneficiary. The applicant, Marlon Leroy Douglas is the Administrator of the estate of Claudius Jeffers.

Any person having an objection to the grant de bonis. Non administratus to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2025

Filed by: DUBLIN & O'BRIEN LAW FIRM, Attorneys-at-Law, whose address for service is Suite C18 The Sands, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

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In the Matter of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules, 2017

In the Estate of **IRA DORE**, deceased, of Newcastle, St. James' Parish, Nevis.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MARIGOLD DORE** of Shaws Road, Newcastle Village, Nevis for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 17th day of September 2024 without revoking a will bearing the date of the 12th day of January 2017 wherein the Applicant is named as the sole executor.

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

Dated this 6th day of June 2025

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Emily Blackett
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Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

Filed by **MERRIFIELD LAW**, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is P.O. Box 1257, Heritage Plaza 1, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis. Telephone number (869) 469-5900.

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include chronic budget shortfalls, staffing gaps, and an overload of unfunded mandates, alongside the need to match aspirations with operational realities.

Building Inclusivity amid Tensions in the Americas

Trade and migration tensions among the Organization's members, particularly Canada, Mexico, and the United States, remain public and ongoing. Ideological and other differences between Latin American states have surfaced in the OAS during elections for officeholders, such as the Assistant Secretary-General (now Colombia's Laura Gil) and the Commissioners of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to be chosen at this Assembly.

Amid these tensions, Antigua and Barbuda has advanced the theme of the 55th General Assembly: "Building resilient and inclusive economies in the Americas." This theme captures pressing concerns across the region, emphasizing resilience—strengthening economies to withstand external shocks, whether global market disruptions, climate events, or public health emergencies—and inclusivity, allowing each member and observer state, large or small, to articulate its priorities within a collective framework. It reaffirms that improving the well-being of every citizen in the Americas is a shared goal, and that collaboration, mutual respect, and solidarity are essential.

It is in that spirit that Antigua and Barbuda—whose Foreign Minister, E. Paul Chet Greene, is expected to be elected Chair—proposes to guide the Assembly.

Institutional Context: Chronic Strains and Mandate Overload

Even with political will, progress faces an uphill battle due to inadequate funding. For years, the OAS Secretariat has contended with a persistent gap between assessed contributions and the costs of its core programs. Overreliance on unpredictable voluntary contributions, including support from Observer states, further exposes key programs to abrupt suspensions. As delegates prepare to debate mechanisms for mandate management and to consider the Organization's budget and funding sources, matching ambitions to resources remains vital for the OAS's effectiveness and credibility.

Governance and Humanitarian Pressures

Democratic practices across member states show signs of strain. For example, a June 2025 assassination attempt on Miguel Uribe, a presidential candidate in Colombia, underscores risks to electoral integrity and citizen confidence. However, the most acute emergency grips Haiti, where armed groups now control the majority of Port-au-Prince, blocking basic state functions, precipitating a humanitarian catastrophe, and preventing the restoration of democratic institutions and the election of a representative government. At the General Assembly, it is incumbent upon the OAS and its member states, within the framework of the OAS Charter and their respective means, to continue demonstrating solidarity with the people of Haiti.

Discussions in the Margins

As important as the formal agenda is, equally vital are the informal discussions among high representatives of member and Observer states that will take place outside public sessions. These exchanges on global economic and political realities often shape understanding and trust, informing official deliberations. And the international scene is not encouraging.

Global growth projections for 2025 indicate subdued expansion, with the United Nations forecasting approximately 2.4% growth worldwide. Regional estimates indicate growth near 2.5% in South America, about 1.0% in Central America and Mexico, and under 2% in the Caribbean for 2025. Elevated debt burdens limit fiscal space for social investments. Inflationary pressures have resurfaced amid trade tensions. U.S. tariffs, imposed on all countries last April, have raised costs in hemispheric supply chains, intensifying cost-of-living strains even where measures have been paused.

Concurrent reductions in US funding—for example, cuts affecting UN Organizations, the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), and the OAS—impact health programmes and emergency-response capacity, with knock-on effects on workforce productivity in these organizations and social welfare conditions in Latin American and Caribbean countries. These economic and social pressures underscore why the Assembly's consideration of financing the OAS's Program Budget for 2026 mirrors the broader fiscal constraints faced by member governments. The discussion will not be procedural; it will be vital.

Spillover effects of conflicts

The Russian war against Ukraine, the Israel-Hamas conflict in Gaza, and the high level of civilian deaths in both theatres have spilled over into the concerns of OAS member states as the prospect of global economic and political instability grows. Though not on the formal agenda of the Assembly, delegates will hardly be able to avoid informal discussion of these issues in their private conversations.

Conclusion: Seizing a Watershed Moment for the OAS

Therefore, the General Assembly in Antigua presents an opportunity for member states to reclaim the relevance of the OAS and to deliver results that citizens truly value. Member States face a clear choice: allow another Assembly to close amid familiar frustrations, or seize this moment with pragmatic actions to foster resilient, inclusive economies across the Americas for the benefit of all.

(*The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the US and the OAS. He is also the Dean of the Ambassadors of the Western Hemisphere Group accredited to the U.S. The views expressed are entirely his own. Responses and previous commentaries: www.sirronaldsanders.com)*

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In the Estate of Joseph Walwyn of the parish of Saint Thomas in the island of Nevis, but who resided in 35 Savile Road, Leeds, United Kingdom, deceased

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATUS

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Lesley Mukwedeya of 25 Chester Rise, Oldbury, B68 0SS, West Midlands, United Kingdom and Camela Walwyn of 35 Savile Road, Leeds LS7 3ER, United Kingdom as Administrators and two of the beneficiaries in the Estate of Gweneth Lovell Walwyn, the wife of the deceased herein, for a Grant De Bonis Non Administratus in the Estate of Jospeh Anderson Walwyn who died intestate on the 13th February, 1994. Letters of Administration was granted on the 6th day of October, 2000 to Gweneth Lovell Walwyn, the administratrix of the Intestate who died on the 24th March, 2015 leaving part of the Intestate Estate unadministered.

Any person having an objection to the Grant De Bonis Non Administratus to the Applicants shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2025.

Infatari Hanley
Barrister-at-law & Solicitor
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a small paper on the Kiowa Indian reservation in Oklahoma. A year or so later, the guy in the next town over wanted to retire, so I took over another. Then, about three months ago, the man who owned a small paper in Texas passed away. His family planned to close the publication ... which is akin to commiting a crime in my world. I told SWMNBMM, who rolled her eyes back so far in her head it looked as if she was in The Exorcist movie.

But what was I to do. We bought it so that it wouldn't go away.

SWMNBMM, I will assure you, was not pleased or happy. But she knows me, so she reluctantly agreed after I promised her I wouldn't do it again.

Oops! I might have spoken a bit too soon.

Recently, I celebrated my birthday by buying a historic paper in my adopted home state of Alaska. Historic, SWMNBMM says, is my way of saying it's a project. The Skagway News is a small paper covering one of the world's most hitsoric Gold Rush era communities. Being a history nut, who has now made 60 trips around the sun,

Just don't tell SWMNBMM. I might not make another trip around the sun.

What can I say? It's a habit. I promoise I won't do it again ...

Tommy Wells is a humour columnist living on the edge of the desert on Texas. Everything in this column is true, except for the parts that are made

Sports

Jahzara Claxton retains spot for SA Series after promising debut

Jahzara Claxton, the rising teenage star from St Kitts, has retained her place in the West Indies Women's squad for the white-ball home series against South Africa Women. Cricket West Indies (CWI) confirmed her selection last Sunday as part of the 15-member team competing in three One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and three T20 Internationals (T20Is) from June 11 to 23 at the 3Ws Oval in Barbados.

Claxton made history last month by becoming the first woman from St Kitts to represent the West Indies in international cricket, making her debut during the team's recent tour of England. Despite a tough outing for the team overall, her selection was one of the bright spots, with Claxton showcasing her promise on the global stage.

The current home series presents another chance for the young fast bowler to continue her development and build on her early international experience. With the West Indies keen to bounce back after a winless England tour, Claxton's energy and raw talent offer fresh hope for the squad.

West Indies Women's Head Coach Shane Deitz highlighted the value of exposing young players like Claxton to elite-level cricket.

"We had five players aged 21 and under in our last ODI against England. All those younger players learned some valuable lessons during that series which we hope they will bring into this series," Deitz said. "This is a great opportunity for them to contribute more and put in some match-winning performances."

The squad remains largely unchanged from the England series, with the only adjustment being the return of seasoned all-rounder Chinelle Henry in place of Cherry-Ann Fraser. Captain Hayley Matthews, who led the side with bat and ball during the England tour, is again spearheading the team.

Director of Cricket Miles Bascombe expressed confidence in the team's ability to rebound, noting that playing in familiar Caribbean conditions should give the squad a welcome boost.

The series against South Africa serves as another stern test, with the Proteas ranked higher than the West Indies in both ODI and T20I formats. However, the spotlight in the region will undoubtedly be on the progress of young players like Claxton as they aim to make a mark on home soil.

All matches in the series will be free to attend and broadcast live across the Caribbean and internationally via ESPN Caribbean.

COURTESY PHOTO

Jahzara Claxton has retained her place in the West Indies Women's squad for the white-ball home series against South Africa

Miniter: Barbados committed to clean sports in Caribbean anti-doping push

Barbados' Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment, Charles Griffith, has restated the government's strong support for clean sport and working together with other Caribbean nations to fight doping.

He spoke during a courtesy visit from officials representing the Caribbean Regional Anti-Doping Organization (RADO) and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The visitors were from 18 different countries across the region.

They are in Barbados for a week of workshops, training, and RADO's Annual General Meeting. These meetings, held at the Barbados Beach Club, are focused on training, following WADA rules, and preparing for the stricter anti-doping standards coming in 2027.

Mr. Griffith welcomed the group and praised RADO's leadership. He said Barbados will continue to support the anti-doping mission and is open to changes such as more independence, better staffing, and more funding for the National Anti-Doping Commission (NADC).

He said, "Barbados is proud to lead the region in anti-doping education and enforcement, but leadership means responsibility. We want a stronger and more independent NADC and will help

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In the matter of Section 12(1)(a) of the Title by Registration Act Cap 10.19 of the Laws of St. Christopher and Nevis.

And

In the Matter of an application for First Certificate of Title presented by SOPHIA PAULA VICTOR-IRVINE and MAXWELL VICTOR of Hanley's Road, Gingerland in the Parish of St. George, in the Island of Nevis.

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

For Certificates of Title noting, thereon and Caveats for the week ending the 13th day of June, 2025.

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8th May, 2025	**SOPHIA PAULA VICTOR-IRVINE and MAXWELL VICTOR -to- SOPHIA PAULA VICTOR-IRVINE and MAXWELL VICTOR** by their Attorney-at-Law Cleone Stapleton-Simmonds of CTS-Simmonds Legal Chambers, Colin Parris Building, Suite 3, Lower Government Road, Charlestown, Nevis	For the Issue of a First Certificate of Title to 0.253 Acre situate at Hanley's Estate in the Parish of St. George, Nevis

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that will improve the quality of life for all Nevisians and set a replicable example for the region."

The meeting followed a successful stakeholder workshop and marked the beginning of Nevis' Voluntary Local Review—an initiative described by Woods as groundbreaking.

"What we're doing with the government of Nevis is actually very pioneering," he said. "It's the first time a local review is being done within the Eastern Caribbean and Latin American region."

Acting Premier Evelyn reiterated Nevis' commitment to the SDGs and the federal government's Sustainable Island State Agenda, noting that the discussions centred on key development areas including food, water and energy security, healthcare, education, housing, and culture.

"We believe that we have been doing quite a lot and that we have numerous bright spots on Nevis in terms of our journey towards the 2030 Agenda," Evelyn said. "This meeting has inspired me, and I'm sure it will inspire the NIA to continue to do more to ensure that the people of Nevis have the standard and quality of life that they deserve."

Woods also commended Nevis for its work in areas such as environmental conservation, geothermal energy exploration, and social protection.

The VLR process will continue throughout the month with ongoing consultations across government, civil society, NGOs, and youth groups. Officials say the process is intended to ensure a holistic and inclusive approach to sustainable development, solidifying Nevis' role as a potential leader among SIDS in implementing the SDGs.

TRUST

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strong cyber defences.

He also urged the creation of a culture of strong cyber hygiene across institutions, saying, "Our people, our staff, are the first line in defence to protect our system. But also, very often, the data show they are the weakest line of our defence. And therefore, we have to continually build a strong culture of cyber hygiene across our central banks."

Highlighting the magnitude of the global cybersecurity threat, Governor Antoine pointed to alarming statistics: "Cybercrime has more than tripled from around US$3 trillion in 2014 to US$9.5 trillion in 2024. At the current pace, the cost of cybercrime to the global economy is expected to exceed US$10.5 trillion this year."

He continued, "If cybercrime were an economy, it would be ranked number three in the world—only behind the United States and China. Cybercrime is more lucrative than the illicit drug trade."

Throughout his address, Governor Antoine reinforced the vital role IT professionals play in ensuring the stability and credibility of central banks. His message was clear: vigilance, discipline, and resilience in cybersecurity are essential to upholding the public's confidence in financial institutions across the region

COURTESY PHOTO

Barbados' Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment, Charles Griffith, greets Raphael Rezende of the World Anti-Doping Agency at the recent courtesy call. Looking on is Chairman of RADO and representative from Aruba, Patrick Werleman.

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our athletes and coaches meet global standards."

Mr. Griffith also suggested setting up a regional testing lab, so samples no longer have to be sent to Canada or the U.S., which is costly and slow.

He also proposed a special education programme for national team coaches, to help them and their athletes understand the risks of banned substances.

RADO's Executive Director, Dr. Sasha Sutherland, thanked Barbados for hosting and for always pushing the region forward in anti-doping efforts. She warned that the 2027 rules will require more education, better data handling, and stronger systems, and the region must prepare now.

RADO's Chairman, Patrick Werleman of Aruba, and WADA's Raphael Rezende, both said national anti-doping agencies need permanent staff and more independence. Volunteer-based systems are no longer enough for the growing demands.

The group also stressed the need for public education, especially around substances like marijuana. Mr. Griffith offered his Ministry's media team to help create and share videos and announcements aimed at athletes and coaches.

He ended by saying, "This is about all Caribbean athletes, not just those in Barbados. We are ready to lead and support others in the region."

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while failing to fulfil their promises," he said. "This is not just a breach of a contract. It is a blatant breach of the public trust."

All things considered, Dr. Harris as a former Prime Minister would obviously be au fait with previous shortcomings. It would be helpful if Dr. Drew would acquiesce to the request for full disclosure and erase any doubt about the new agreement.

POLICE

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followed the vehicle as it travelled to the rear of the Mau Pau Casino at Port Zante.

As the soldiers attempted to approach, the occupants abandoned the vehicle and fled the scene on foot.

A subsequent search of the vehicle led to the discovery of an AR-15 rifle along with a magazine containing twenty rounds of mixed-calibre ammunition. Officers also recovered a multicoloured backpack containing cash, a black mask, gloves, a pink Samsung cellular phone, and other personal belongings.

Crime Scene Investigators later forensically processed the vehicle and all items recovered from the scene, including the firearm and ammunition.

Following investigative efforts, police confirmed that on June 10, at approximately 3:45 p.m., Mr. Raziq Persaud of Plum Tree, Phillips Village was arrested at the Basseterre Police Station. He has since been formally charged on two warrants in the first instance for the offences of Possession of Firearm and Possession of Ammunition, both in relation to the May 31 incident at Port Zante.

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force has reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding public safety and national security. Authorities continue to pursue leads and are urging anyone with information related to the case to contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 662-1140.

Raziq Persaud

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interpretation of the law could hinder local artists from licensing their own music.

Nonetheless, the Court's decision means ECCO remains unauthorised to operate in Saint Kitts and Nevis at this time. The substantive legal challenge filed by ECCO will proceed to trial.

Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Hon. Garth Wilkin, welcomed the ruling, stating: "The Regulations are designed to ensure lawful and credible collective rights management. They protect our creative industries from opaque or improper licensing practices and empower the State to safeguard the economic rights of artists, musicians, and other copyright holders."

The Ministry has reiterated that no organisation, including ECCO, is currently authorised to act as a Collective Management Organisation in Saint Kitts and Nevis.

In the legal proceedings, ECCO was represented by Victor Dane Hamilton, while the Government was represented by Solicitor General and Crown Counsel II Sasha Lloyd.

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