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Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Garth Wilkin was elected to serve as a Vice President on the Bureau of INC-Tax.

AG prioritises financial security, economic mobility with high-level committee

Senator the Honourable Garth Wilkin participated last week in the First Working Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for drafting the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation (INC-Tax). The Federation's Attorney General was elected to serve as a Vice President on the Bureau of INC-Tax—ensuring the Federation's leadership on key issues such as financial security, economic mobility and sustainable development.

In addition to the Framework Convention, the INC-Tax will also be developing two early protocols—the first on taxation of income derived from the provision of cross-border services in an increasingly digitalized and globalized economy and the second on prevention and resolution of tax disputes. Saint Kitts and Nevis' leadership on this critical UN body serves to ensure that Kittitians and Nevisians interests are front and centre of international negotiations.

Senator Wilkin who delivered the CARICOM Statement reflected that "the current international tax architecture presents significant barriers to CARICOM member states in their pursuit of sustainable development, particularly in the taxation of cross-border services and the resolution of tax disputes.

As highlighted in workstream discussions, many CARICOM countries depend on gross-basis withholding taxes as a practical means of taxing non-resident service providers due to limited administrative capacities. However, this approach is often hindered by restrictive bilateral tax treaties that prevent the implementation of preferred taxation methods. As a result, our member states are subjected to an inequitable system in which complex transfer pricing rules, better suited to residence-based taxation models in developed economies, place undue strain on our already limited resources."

The Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs further underscored that "this is why CARICOM believes the Framework Convention we craft must be anchored in the principle that efforts in international tax cooperation should be universal in approach and scope and should fully take into account the different needs and capacities of all countries as stated in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development. For CARICOM, this means ensuring that the Framework Convention provides practical solutions to our revenue mobilization challenges while respecting our sovereign right to design tax systems appropriate to our circumstances. The Framework Convention must facilitate, not hinder, our efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals."

Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew welcomed the Federation's leadership on this economic panel by stating that "each day the news out of powerful capitals reminds us of the

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The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Contractors to Bid on the following Project:

NATIONAL SECURITY TRAINING FACILITY

AT

LIME KILN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Thursday 7th August, 2025 for a non-refundable fee of EC$2,500.00 each.

Completed bid shall be delivered in sealed envelope to the office of:

Director of Public Works Department
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts
at or before 1:00pm Friday 3rd October, 2025

Contractors or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.

Eligibility

It is mandatory that Contractors be locally registered in the Federation of St Kitts & Nevis. Business License MUST be presented before receipt of Tender Document.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 31/7/2025 ST. KITTS WEST INDIES

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Douglas, Hanley predict Federation's economic future secure with new bill

Senior Minister and Minister of Economic Development and Investment, The Right Honourable Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, has described the Special Sustainability Zones Authorisation Bill, 2025, as a timely and decisive step to secure the Federation's economic future.

The Bill, which was passed in the National Assembly on August 11, sets the stage for designating Special Sustainability Zones – areas developed under strict sustainability, climate resilience, and infrastructure standards, backed by clear rules, transparent governance, and community involvement.

Speaking during the debate, Dr. Douglas stressed the Bill's importance to national development and its alignment with his ministry's mission to attract high-quality investment and create opportunities for citizens.

"First of all, the Bill could not have come at a better time, mainly because we have been impacted in most recent times by a number of challenges that have taken place globally, and which to some extent have thrown our own agenda for our development somewhat off course," said Dr. Douglas. "And it is going to be important, therefore, that as we set sail for a new course, new direction, we want to make sure that we are facilitated in every way to achieve success."

As the minister responsible for driving investment, Dr. Douglas underscored that the new legislation will empower the country to target and attract projects in diversified agriculture, hospitality and tourism, renewable energy, ICT, and other growth industries – laying the foundation for a stronger, more sustainable economy.

"If we are going to sustain our economic and social and other development, political development as well, we must be able to achieve a number of goals," he noted. "What we are doing here today is to ensure that the leading sectors of our economy have the support they need to deliver jobs, opportunities, and long-term prosperity for our people."

Dr. Douglas drew on the nation's history of transitioning from sugar to manufacturing to tourism, reminding the public that progress has always come through adaptation and forward-thinking leadership. He pointed out that, like past economic shifts, this new framework will demand stakeholder engagement, citizen input, and national unity.

With the passing of this Bill, Minister Douglas reaffirmed his commitment to steering Saint Kitts and Nevis toward becoming a model of sustainable investment in the region – one where economic growth goes hand-in-hand with environmental protection and community benefit.

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> **Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas**
> **Senior Minister and Minister of Economic Development and Investment**

Deputy Prime Minister and Parliamentary Representative for St. Christopher One, Honourable Dr. Geoffrey Hanley, also welcomed the successful passage of the Special Sustainability Zones Authorisation Bill, 2025, calling it a bold step in diversifying Saint Kitts and Nevis' economy and creating new opportunities for the people of the Federation.

Dr. Hanley described the legislation as a forward-thinking move that will attract sustainable, high-quality investment; promote responsible construction and development; and expand job prospects.

"Madam Speaker, the Bill is the government's attempt to continue the economic diversification of Saint Kitts and Nevis," said Dr. Hanley. "It is important for me, Madam Speaker, to support because it provides another option for development which will be supporting and promoting construction and development that is on the ground."

He further emphasised that the Bill reflects the Federation's commitment to sustainable development guided by its seven pillars, and will empower

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COURTESY PHOTO

Senior Minister and Minister of Economic Development and Investment,The Right Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas described the Special Sustainability Zones Authorisation Bill as a timely and decisive step to secure the Federation's economic future.

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
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In the Estate of MARY LUCINA DORE deceased late of Main Street, Charlestown in the Parish of St. Paul in the Island of Nevis, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **WILLIAM DORE** of Main Street, Charlestown in the Parish St. Paul in the Island of Nevis for a **Grant of Letters of Administration** to him as the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 2nd day of April, 2024.

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 August, 2025

Law Offices of T.A.C.T. Liburd-Browne

LAW OFFICES OF T.A.C.T. LIBURD BROWNE

Filed by T. Asure-Dee C. T. Liburd Browne of T.A.C.T. Liburd Browne, Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis, Attorney-at -Law for the Applicant whose address for service is that of his Attorney- at- Law and whose email address is tactliburd@sisterisles.kn and telephone number is 869-469-0116

EDITORIAL

JNF General Hospital take a bow

"The work that is being done by the midwives and the matrons in St. Kitts and Nevis is amazing. I think everyone, internationally, could learn a lot from what they are doing here. I think they really care about their women and they offer groundbreaking support when it comes to maternity care and community care, and we are very privileged in St. Kitts and Nevis to have such a caring maternity system."

This is the opinion of United Kingdom-Certified Midwife Halima France-Mir of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

Midwife France-Mir and her mother Mahalia France-Mir were recently in the Federation on a two-week visit, and she made the made the remarks after they was given a tour of JNF General Hospital's Maternity Ward.

It could be argued that the granddaughter of Dr Arthur France MBE - a nephew of National Hero Rt. Excellent Sir Joseph Nathaniel France, after whom the JNF General Hospital is named – would be complimentary, but the essence of her observations was based on much more than her familial ties.

The unpretentious humanity exhibited by the midwives and matrons was palpable. This visitor from a highly developed country was touched by the professionalism and kindness she witnessed

Midwife France-Mir was "inspired by the women and the midwives and nurses" that she met. "They are so dedicated and so passionate about what they do, and that it was indeed an honour to meet them and see what they do on a day-to-day basis. St. Kitts and Nevis' healthcare is dedicated to empowering the women in the population, and that is something that needs to continue in the future because it is generally empowering in supportive care."

It is obviously not our intention to compare and contrast the qualities of JNF General with hospitals around the world that are much better funded, have the most modern equipment available, and employ the best-of-the-best from all corners of the earth, but the judgement of a young professional who has been exposed to all of that is a positive.

Our primary medical facility has staff that elevate its status. It is equipped with modern medical equipment and specialized tools. It serves thousands of patients annually. It houses highly-qualified specialists. It is a foundation of our healthcare system.

Midwife Halima France-Mir's comments are proof positive that despite our relatively limited budgets and the migration of many of our brightest to the countries that can afford to pay them what they are worth, we still have dedicated professions in our midst who make us proud to be who we are.

We salute the midwives, matrons, general surgeons and all the other specialists that care for us and save lives daily in the Federation. In this particular case, JNF General Hospital take a bow.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing as Kimara Smith, daughter of Ms. Gladys Smith, to formally appeal the recent denial of my mother's application for citizenship by descent. The decision—citing that despite her grandmother, Frieda Dias, having been born in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, my mother and her parents were born in the United States—has left our family devastated and profoundly concerned about the fairness and morality underpinning this law.

This ruling cuts off my mother's rightful connection to her homeland and disregards a documented ancestral link to St. Kitts and Nevis. It is unjust to sideline descendants of nationals when their lineage predates both independence and current constitutional mandates.

Moreover, Section 90 of the Constitution—a remnant of British colonial law—continues to perpetuate systemic exclusions created under colonial rule. Enforcing such outdated provisions today preserves structures that historically stripped Caribbean individuals of identity, rights, and citizenship.

In contrast, many countries—especially in Europe—acknowledge that citizenship stems not only from birthplace, but also from heritage and cultural identity. These nations permit descendants to reclaim citizenship across generations as a matter of justice and national dignity. Similarly, African countries are paving healing pathways by inviting diaspora descendants to "come home" to lands of their ancestors.

After colonialism displaced families, severed ties, and stripped rights, it is shocking that St. Kitts and Nevis now rejects those seeking to reconnect with their roots. This is not a mere legal denial—it is a second dispossession, a gut punch to

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COURTESY PHOTO

This Accuweather graphic shows the latest projected path of Tropical Storm Erin as it makes its way toward through the region.

Region on high alert as Tropical Storm Erin gains strength

Tropical Storm Erin continues to gain strength in the Atlantic and is forecast to become a hurricane by today, Friday, August 15, when the wind tops 74 mph, and a major hurricane by Sunday morning. A major hurricane is a Category 3 or stronger storm with maximum sustained winds of at least 111 mph. Yesterday (Thursday) morning, the storm was moving westward at 17 mph with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph. It started a west-northwestward movement on Thursday night.

Once the storm turns north as forecast, it is expected to bypass the Caribbean and The Bahamas, and possibly threaten Bermuda. In all those territories, preparations for potential impacts are underway nonetheless.

Forecasters said that tropical-storm force winds could possibly be experienced in parts of the northern Leeward Islands, the U.S. and British Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico this weekend.

Erin is the fifth named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to Nov. 30.

Earlier in the week, the Nevis Island Administration issued an advisory for residents to remain vigilant and closely monitor the progress of Tropical Storm Erin as it moves across the Atlantic.

Honourable Spencer Brand, Minister responsible for Disaster Management, issued a direct appeal to the public.

"I am urging all Nevisians to pay close attention to official updates on Tropical Storm Erin and to take all necessary precautions as we continue to monitor the development of this weather system. Please follow the guidance of our local authorities, secure your homes, and ensure that you have all essential food and emergency supplies on hand."

The St. Kitts Meteorological Services and the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) reported at that time that Tropical Storm Erin posed no direct threat to St. Kitts and Nevis. However, residents in the northern Leeward Islands, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico were advised to keep a close watch on the system.

"While it's too early to know what impact, if any, the storm will have on our islands, now is the perfect time to review your family disaster plan. Get Ready and Stay Ready by Using the 3 Ps: Plan, Prepare, and Practice," the agencies advised.

Brian Dyer, Director of the Nevis Disaster Management Department (NDMD), assured the public that preparedness measures are already in place for the peak of the hurricane season.

"Hurricane shelters have been inspected, the updated shelter list has been published, and some facilities have already been stocked," he confirmed.

The NIA encouraged all residents to remain prepared, stay informed through official updates, and take proactive steps to safeguard their families and property.

Officials in the U.S. Virgin Islands said plans for territory-wide sandbag distribution for hurricane season were accelerated.

"Due to the projected impact of

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Special Sustainability Zones greenlighted, NRP Leader expresses reservations

It was hailed as a notable milestone being achieved in the drive toward sustainable economic transformation, last Monday, August 11, when the Special Sustainability Zone Authorisation Bill, 2025 was passed in the National Assembly.

The legislation, according to its proponents, creates a clear, accountable framework to attract high-quality Foreign Direct Investment, diversify the national economy, and generate long-term job opportunities—while safeguarding the Federation's environment and sovereignty.

According to the lawmakers, Special Sustainability Zones will be legally designated areas where developers commit to strict sustainability, climate resilience, and infrastructure standards, while the government provides conditions, transparent rules, and robust democratic oversight.

"Our government is pursuing a balanced diversification plan: modernise tourism; scale renewable energy and water security; grow agribusiness; expand health, education, and professional services; and enable technology and green manufacturing," Prime Minister The Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew said. "The Special Sustainability Zone framework is a way to bring these pieces together, so that infrastructure, investment, and jobs arrive in a coordinated and accountable package."

It was highlighted that the legislation is the first in the nation's history to weave the seven pillars of the Sustainable Island State Agenda (SISA) directly into law: Water Security, Energy Transition, Food Security, Sustainable Industry, Sustainable Settlements, Circular Economy, and Social Protection.

"By law, Zones must advance multiple pillars," Prime Minister Drew stressed. "That means reliable water systems, renewable energy at scale, sustainable food systems, green industry and tourism, climate-resilient communities, circular-economy practices, and built-in social protection—like access to health services and fair dispute resolution."

Dr. Drew emphasised that the framework offers investors clarity, speed, and legal certainty without cutting corners, while ensuring the public gains lasting value. "Investors value enforceable contracts and clear sustainability standards," the prime minister said. "They also value communities where talent wants to live—safe, clean, modern, and connected to nature. This Bill signals to the world that Saint Kitts and Nevis is open for business—on our terms, for our people."

Hon. Dr Janice Daniel-Hodge
Leader of the Nevis Reformation Party

The government says that the Special Sustainability Zone Authorisation Bill, 2025, positions Saint Kitts and Nevis as a first mover in the Caribbean with a modern, sustainability-anchored investment model—drawing from global best practices while tailoring the approach to the Federation's unique size, Constitution, and values.

Meanwhile, not everyone is thrilled about the passage of the legislation and its possible implications. Hon. Dr Janice Daniel-Hodge, the leader of the Nevis Reformation Party, has expressed her reservations about a particular aspect of the Special Sustainability Zone Authorisation Bill, 2025.

On Tuesday, the day after the Bill was approved, Dr. Daniel-Hodge took to her Facebook page to ask several questions about the ramifications of the legislation, particularly as it relates to Nevis.

The NRP Leader's comments are headed by the question: Another self-serving act?

The rest of the missive reads as follows:

"Many of us are aware of ongoing efforts by a real estate company here on Nevis to acquire large tracts of land along Nevis' South coast. After concerns were raised by numerous land owners and realtors about the approach being taken to buy lands in the area, I wrote to the Premier seeking to find out if he was aware of any plans regarding development of the southern side of Nevis, especially since he expressed his intention in the Nevis Island Assembly to commission a feasibility study for the area.

The Premier responded, stating that he was not aware of any plans.

COURTESY PHOTO

Prime Minister The Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew said the Special Sustainability Zones will make it 'so that infrastructure, investment, and jobs arrive in a coordinated and accountable package.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
A.D. 2025
(PROBATE)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. NEVHPB2025/0068

In the Estate of WINSTON BROWN, late of 1564 Unionport Road, Bronx, New York, USA but formerly of Combermere in the Parish of St. James in the Island of Nevis, Deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION
FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **ERMIN BROWN**, Retired, **MYRON BROWN**, Librarian and **KEVIN BROWN**, Software Engineer all of 1564 Unionport Road, Bronx, New York, USA for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the wife and children of the deceased respectively, the deceased having died intestate on the 29th day of June, 2024 at Jack D. Weiler Hospital, Bronx, New York, USA.

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

Dated this 7th day of August, 2025

Tyler Martin
Tyler Martin
Oral Martin Law Chambers
Attorneys-At-Law for the Applicants

Filed by: ORAL MARTIN LAW CHAMBERS, Attorneys-At-Law of Upper Happy Hill Drive, Charlestown, Nevis for and on behalf of the Applicants who address for service is the same. Telephone No. (1869) 469-1819; Fax No. (1869) 469-5446; Email: oralmartinlawchambers@gmail.com /tylermartin_3@yahoo.com

Banking (Amendment) Bill, 2025:

ECCB receives 'sharper tools' to protect the wider economy

The National Assembly on Monday last (August 11), passed key amendments to the Banking Act, equipping the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) with modern tools to better safeguard depositors, borrowers, and the wider economy.

The Banking (Amendment) Bill, 2025, moved by Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, strengthens rules to keep banks safe, fair, and accountable, while ensuring that customers have greater access to transparent and equitable financial services.

"In a region where our economies are closely linked, a strong and independent ECCB ensures that banks across Member States follow the same high standards," Prime Minister Drew said. "By modernising the Banking Act, this amendment gives the ECCB sharper tools to prevent risky practices, keep fees fair, and resolve customer complaints more effectively and efficiently. For the everyday man and woman, this means easier access to fair financial services, better protection for savings, and more trust that the bank you choose will treat you right."

PHOTO COURTESY NIA

Member of Parliament for St. Christopher Three, the Honourable Konris Maynard.

The Bill introduces key reforms: it modernises definitions to reflect today's banking realities; permits banks to offer selected new services under strict oversight; strengthens and streamlines rules for revoking licences; brings currency exchange operations under ECCB regulation; tightens controls on profit distribution and lending to related parties; regulates outsourcing arrangements and property leasing; raises standards for financial statements and public disclosure; prohibits shell banks and risky dealings with them; enhances risk-based supervision; and empowers the ECCB to cap excessive fees.

"The financial world moves quickly, Madam Speaker. Our laws must keep pace carefully and with the public interest at heart. This Bill achieves that," Prime Minister Drew affirmed.

Member of Parliament (MP) for St. Christopher Three, the Honourable Konris Maynard, also voiced strong support for the Banking (Amendment) Bill, 2025, calling it a "balanced package" that will not only safeguard depositors, but empower regulators, and give banks the clarity to innovate responsibly.

Minister Maynard underscored that the legislation, developed in collaboration with the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) and aligned with Basel III standards and Financial Stability Board principles, updates the country's banking framework for the realities of 2025, and beyond.

"Our economy runs on trust," Minister Maynard said. "There must be trust in our banking system. It is the foundation upon which the economy relies. And a clear and modern Act will give that type of trust, and it will give banks the certainty that they need to innovate responsibly, come up with new services, and be at the forefront of technology."

Minister Maynard described the original Banking Act as the "rule book" for financial stability, setting out who can be licensed, capital adequacy requirements, liquidity rules, governance standards, and strong supervisory powers for the ECCB. The amendments, he explained, close gaps, modernise oversight, and prepare the banking sector for technological change, evolving consumer expectations, and tightened global compliance standards.

The minister stressed that the reforms will improve governance, combat illicit finance, and give regulators the power to act before risks escalate into crises. Moreover, he noted that they will give the public "stronger rights, better access, and real avenues for redress."

"This is about ensuring that our banking system works for the many, not just the few," Minister Maynard said. "The Bill is really a balanced package. It gives banks the clarity and the scope to innovate responsibly."

Minister Maynard concluded by stating that the Banking (Amendment) Bill, 2025, provides the framework for a sound, transparent, and future-ready financial system that can support Saint Kitts and Nevis' economic expansion while protecting its people.

The amendments build on previous reforms, including the 2023 updates, and align with both regional consensus and international best practices. The strengthened Banking Act will ensure the ECCB can maintain high prudential standards across the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU), protect consumers, and support a more inclusive financial sector.

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EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

NEVIS CIRCUIT

A. D. 2025
(PROBATE)

In the Matter of an Application for Letters of Administration in the Estate of Berley Ronald Walwyn, Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MARCIA MICHELLE WALWYN, MARLEIGH ALEXIS LIBURD-WALWYN and ALEXA ROCHELLE LIBURD-WALWYN** all of Hard Times Estate in the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Nevis, the Lawful Widow and Children of the deceased, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the said applicants, the deceased having died on the 22nd day of December, 2024, 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 25th day of July, 2025.

MORTON ROBINSON, L.P.
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Filed by Maurisha Robinson of Morton Robinson, L.P., Upstairs Slack Building, Waterfront, Charlestown, Nevis, Attorneys-At-Law for the Applicants whose address for service is that of their Attorneys at Law.

SKN establishes diplomatic relations with Oman

On Tuesday last (August 12), the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, and the Sultanate of Oman signed a joint statement to establish diplomatic relations, based on the cooperation and friendship between the two countries.

The statement was signed by Ambassador Mutryce Williams, Permanent Representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations on behalf of the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis, and by Ambassador Omar Said Omar Alkathiri, Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations on behalf of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman.

During the signing ceremony at Oman's Permanent Mission to the UN in New York, the Permanent Representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis conveyed the greetings of Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew, and Foreign Minister the Right Hon. Dr Denzil Douglas, to the Omani government. She expressed her country's aspiration to strengthen relations between the two nations.

Ambassador Alkathiri underlined the Omani Government's welcome of this important step, which stems from the attention both Governments place on establishing diplomatic relations to lay the foundation for enhanced dialogue, to open avenues of cooperation, and so serve the interests of both countries and their peoples.

COURTESY PHOTO

Ambassador Mutryce Williams, Permanent Representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the UN and Ambassador Omar Said Omar Alkathiri, Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the UN, signing the joint statement to establish diplomatic relations.

Foreign Minister Douglas, who has sought to consolidate friendships while diversifying the Federation's diplomatic portfolio, indicated that, "the Gulf Cooperation Council remains one of the brightest spots in the global economy according to the International Monetary Fund. The GCC is a model for resilience and as we pursue strategic partnerships for enhanced trade, investment and economic development we are proud to renew our commitment to the GCC by signing diplomatic relations with the Sultanate of Oman."

Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Terrance Drew underscored, "This latest effort by the Permanent Mission of St. Kitts and Nevis to the UN represents the strategic foresight of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and indeed the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis to carve out friendly relations amid non-traditional partners. We hope that overtime through culture, tourism and investment, the St. Kitts and Nevis-Oman relationship will redound to all nationals in particular students, engineers, and innovators who view the middle east as a new frontier for our diplomatic and development policy."

Thank you for reading the St. Kitts & Nevis Observer

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SUIT NO:NEVHCV2024/0070

In the Matter of an Application for the issuance of a First Certificate of Title by virtue of Section 12(1)(d) of the Title By Registration Act (Cap 10.19).
AND
In the Matter of an Application by Nevis Methodist Trust Corporation for issuance of a First Certificate of Title to a plot, piece or parcel of land situate at Camps Estate in the Parish of St. James on the Island of Nevis admeasuring 47,269.5303 square feet.
AND
In the Matter of the Nevis Methodist Trust Incorporation Act, Cap. 24.16 of the 2017 Revised Laws of St. Christopher and Nevis.

Registry of Titles: Nevis Circuit

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS

For Certificate of Title, Caveats and notings, thereon, and caveats, for the week ending the 15th day of August 2025

Date of Request	Person Presenting.	Nature of Request.
31st day of July 2025.	**The Nevis Methodist Trust Corporation** of Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis by its Attorney-at-Law Ricaldo Caines.	For the Issue of a Certificate of Title to **ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Camps Estate in the Parish of Saint James in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows; On or towards the North-East by lands of Catherine A. Wallace, 143.04 feet; On or towards the South-East by lands of The Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Trust Association, 132.00 feet; On or towards the North-East by lands of The Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Trust Association, 317.00 feet; On or towards the South-East by a Public Road, 98.30 feet; On or towards the South-West by a Public Road, 75.40 feet, 176.02 feet and 165.30 feet and On or towards the North-West by a Public Road, 176.75 feet and containing by admeasurement 47,269.5303 square feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the Plan thereof by Dave Simon, Licensed Surveyor.**

Dated the 8th day of August 2025

Shelley Isles
Registrar of Titles

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT
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(PROBATE)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

CLAIM NO. NEVHPB2025/

In the Estate of CHRISTIAN JOHN ARTHURTON II also known as JOHN CHRISTIAN ARTHURTON also known as JOHN ARTHURTON, late of Malcolm Hill Housing Development, Prospect Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis, Deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION
FOR GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **MENTRICE WARNER-ARTHURTON**, Civil Servant and **MEUTRISCA ARTHURTON**, Student both of Malcolm Hill Housing Development, Prospect Estate in the Parish of St. John in the Island of Nevis for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants who are the spouse and daughter respectively of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 31st day of January, 2025 at the Alexandra Hospital, Charlestown, Nevis

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 August, 2025

Tyler Martin

Tyler Martin
ORAL MARTIN LAW CHAMBERS
Attorneys-At-Law for the Applicant

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TRAVEL

LITTLE COUNTRY HUGE PRICE

The tiny European country with big hotel rates

By Eric Mackenzie Lamb
St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

A few days ago, I drove from Switzerland to the Principality of Monaco, the world's smallest country after the city state of the Vatican. Situated on the Mediterranean coast and sandwiched between Italy and the French Riviera, 40 percent of its inhabitants are millionaires or billionaires. The country's geographical

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FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

NEVIS CIRCUIT

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CHAPTER 10.19

A.D. 2025

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In the matter of the Title by Registration Act Chapter 10.19

Fees Paid:42.00

Section 12 (1) (a)

And

In the matter of an application by **ROSALIND STAPLETON** and **JEVON N. HANLEY** both of Beach Road in the Parish of St. John, Nevis but currently residing in St. Thomas, the United States Virgin Islands 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 18th day of July, 2025

Date of Request	Person Presenting	Nature of Document
19th June, 2025	**ROSALIND STAPLETON AND JEVON N. HANLEY** by thier Solicitor ***ASUREDEE 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 partly by Lot No.31, Charles Webbe, 108.90 feet; and Lot 32, 132.90 feet; On or towards the South by lands of Doreen Hanley, 136.06 feet; On or towards the West by Lands of Louizier Allen, 240.16 feet and containing by admeasurement 0.750 acre

Dated the 11th day of July, 2025

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
High Court of Justice

Registrar

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

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TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

A. D. 2025

In the Matter of the Title by Registration Act 10.19
And
In the Matter of a Certificate of Title Registered in Book 27 Folio 289 in respect of lands situated at Long Point Estate 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

NOTICE FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that an Application has been made by Jack Lawrence Kubik, formerly of 850 Desplaines Avenue, Apartment 408, Forest Park, Illinois 60130, USA and presently of 6912 Galway Court, Darien, Illinois 60561, USA, to the Registrar of Titles, in Chambers for an Order for the issue of a new Certificate of Title in lieu of the lost Certificate of Title dated the 31st day of July, 1989 and registered in the Register of Titles for the Island of Nevis, in Book 27 Folio 289 in favour of THE HONOURABLE JACK L. KUBIK, for **ALL THAT** lot, piece or parcel of land being One Acre situate at Long Point in the Parish of Saint John, in the Island of Nevis and known as Lot No. 11 and bounded and measuring as follows:- On or towards the North West by Prospect Estate, 188.00 feet; On or towards the South East by a Proposed Road, 188.00 feet; On or towards the North East by Lot No. 13, 240.46 feet and On or towards the South West by Lot No. 9, 229.88 feet.

Any person knowing the whereabouts of or having any information concerning the said duplicate Certificate of Title which may lead to its recovery is asked to notify the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, Charlestown, Nevis and Giselle Clarke-Theron of Springates Building, Government Road, Charlestown, Nevis, at Telephone No. 869-469-7016 or Fax No. 869-469-7017, email: gaclarke@sisterisles.kn.

Dated the 08th day of August, 2025

Giselle Clarke-Theron
Attorney-at-Law

MONACO

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position, luxurious lifestyle, and secure environment entice the world's elite to settle in Monaco, creating an unparalleled density of wealth. Real estate is among the most expensive in the world, at US $58,000 per square meter. The fact that the country does not charge its residents income tax is yet another attraction.

I found a hotel near the center of the city, and when I asked the manager if he had a single room available for two nights, his answer was yes. But when he told me the price, I was shocked: just under US$2,000 per night, with only breakfast included!

No way, I told him. It was unaffordable. He then suggested that I drive to a small village about 10 kilometers away which had many small hotels. I followed his advice and found a hotel for just US$120 per night. What a difference! My plan was to return to the city the next morning and take photographs.

Monaco is a global player when it comes to sports and cultural events. The most famous is the Monaco Grand Prix Formula One races, as well as the Monaco Yacht Show and the Monte Carlo TV Festival.

The country also makes generous contributions to support health and education projects in developing countries. Its rising economy began with the opening of its first casino in Monte Carlo, which has a rail connection to Paris.

Monaco was first mentioned by a Greek historian, Hecataus Miletus. In 1191 AD, the Holy Roman Empire granted Monaco to Genoa in return for cracking down on pirates. Recently, one of the country's most famous events was the marriage of the actress Grace Kelly to Prince Rainer III.

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The Inland Revenue Department's Property Tax Division has officially commenced a comprehensive property revaluation exercise to appraise all real property on Nevis based on current market values.

Property revaluation underway in Nevis after 17-year gap

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Premier of Nevis and Minister of Finance in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), the Honourable Mark Brantley, made the announcement during his most recent press conference.

"We have not done an evaluation for 17 years when it should be done every five years, that is property revaluations," Premier Brantley stated. "We have had some discussions and we are now well and truly on the way to doing a property revaluation, which we hope we can complete and have implemented in time for the 2026 tax period."

The Property Tax Division has already completed the necessary preparatory work and is now advancing to the critical fieldwork stage. This involves on-site physical assessments of properties across the island. Fieldwork officially began on July 21 and is expected to conclude by November.

Following the fieldwork, the division will analyze and finalize the collected data in preparation for notifying property owners of the updated valuations by January 2026. This schedule allows adequate time for taxpayers to submit objections and for any necessary reassessments to be made.

Premier Brantley called on the public to support the initiative by cooperating with tax officials during the process.

"I want to ask our public to cooperate with our tax officials. The law says that we ought to do a revaluation exercise every five years…So we are now embarking on that and we anticipate that through that mechanism, we can tighten up in terms of our revenue measures and ensure that the government is raising the necessary revenue to do what is necessary for this island."

The revaluation process is an essential tool to ensure equity in the property tax system and to support the government's ability to fund public services and infrastructure.

NEVIS CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT UNION LIMITED

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-Second (52nd) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Nevis Co-operative Credit Union Limited will be held in a **Hybrid Format: 'In-Person' at the Nevis Performing Arts Centre (NEPAC), St. Thomas' Parish, Nevis** and **'Virtually' via the Microsoft Teams Video Conferencing Platform,** on **Thursday, August 28, 2025** at 5:30 p.m. to transact the following business:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting held on Monday, June 17, 2024.
2. To consider Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting.
3. To receive and adopt the Board of Directors' Report.
4. To receive and adopt the Independent Auditors' Report & Audited Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 2024.
5. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report.
6. To receive and adopt the Credit Committee Report.
7. To receive and adopt the Supervisory and Compliance Committee Report.
8. To declare Dividend for the year ended December 31, 2024.
9. To set the Maximum Liability for the ensuing year.
10. To receive the Nominating Committee Report and elect Officers to the Board of Directors, Credit Committee, and Supervisory and Compliance Committee.
11. To appoint Independent Auditors for the year ending December 31, 2025.
12. To transact any other business of the Society.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Shemica Maloney (Ms)
BOARD SECRETARY

August 11, 2025

We want to hear your opinion!

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Four medical students on Summer Programme at JNF

Four of the Federation's illustrious students studying at the University of Havana in Cuba are currently at the JNF General Hospital for acclimatisation with the St. Kitts and Nevis medical system, courtesy of the annual Summer Observership Employment Programme.

According to Director of Health Institutions within the Ministry of Health, Dr Jenson Morton, the four students, two who are 5th year medical students and the other two 3rd year medical students are being guided by JNF General Hospital's Internist, Dr Suresh Babu Chinnaswamy through the various departments at the hospital.

"All four will be rotated through various departments, with the schedules for rotation indicated in the Medicine, Surgery, Maternity, and Paediatrics Departments," observed Dr Morton. "They will work at the hospital from Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with mornings designated for the indicated department and the afternoon dedicated for the emergency room."

The fifth-year medical students Ms. Yaruska Irish - who will be available for five weeks - and Mr Rashumba Gilbert who will be available for seven weeks, started on July 14. Third-year students, Ms. Kaedida Fough and Ms. Dolicia Barry, started on July 28, and will be available for five weeks.

"While Ms. Irish and Mr Gilbert would have worked at the JNF General Hospital before, no orientation was needed," explained Dr Morton. "But as for Ms. Fough and Ms. Barry who are working at the JNF General Hospital for the first time, their orientation took place on their first day of work which was on Monday July 28."

For the past 13 years, the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis has had the observership employment programme with local students enrolled in Cuba. Via this programme, students who return to the Federation for summertime, at their own expense, may apply to work as student medical officers at the J.N.F. General Hospital, where they are financially compensated, usually via the Skills Training Empowerment Programme (S.T.E.P.).

"These students must be in their third year of medical study or higher," underscored Dr Morton. "The purpose of the programme is to assist these students in their acclimatisation with the St. Kitts and Nevis medical system."

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(L-R): Dr Suresh Chinnaswamy, Internist at JNF Hospital; Ms. Dolicia Barry, 3rd year medicine student; Ms.Yaruska Irish, 5th year medicine student; Mr. Rashumba Gilbert, 5th year medicine student; Ms. Kaedida Fough, 3rd year medicine student; and Dr Jenson Morton.

Dr Chinnaswamy emphasised that the four trainees who had come to get acquainted with the medical profession and how to practice and see the patients are doing very well, and are learning a lot.

Ms. Yaruska Irish, who is from Conaree Village, completes her programme on August 15. Her first two weeks were in the Medicine Department, third and fourth weeks were in the Surgery Department and this, her final week, was in the Maternity Department.

Doing general medicine at the university, Ms. Irish who worked as a secretary at a Lawyer's office now says that she is privileged to be doing internal medicine rotation with Dr Chinnaswamy at JNF General Hospital, where she notes that she has seen a lot of improvements in terms of healthcare delivery.

Mr Rashumba Gilbert, also a fifth-year medicine student, and who is on the programme for seven weeks until August 29, is from Lodge. His first two weeks were in the Surgery Department, third and fourth weeks were in the Medicine Department, next two weeks are in the Paediatrics Department, and the seventh and last week in the Maternity Department.

Third-year medicine student Ms. Kaedida Fough ,who is from Dieppe Bay, worked with the Development Bank of St. Kitts and Nevis before she joined the university. She is on the programme for five weeks from July 28 to August 29, of which first two weeks were in the Maternity Department, third and fourth weeks will be in Surgery Department, and the final week in Medicine Department.

Ms. Dolicia Barry, also on the programme for five weeks, from July 28 to August 29, was in the Paediatrics Department for the first two weeks, in the Medicine Department for the third and fourth weeks, and will be in the Surgery Department for the final week.

"I was working as a science teacher, first at the Washington High School and then at the Basseterre High School," said Ms. Barry. "I chose to do medicine for a bunch of reasons, one of the reasons for sure is that when I was young I was diagnosed with autoimmune hepatitis, and my paediatrician at the time was the late Dr Ian Jacobs, who I certainly admired for his work ethic and his love for children."

NOTICE

PURSUANT TO THE TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT
CHAPTER 10.19 OF THE LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF
SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

It is hereby notified that Certificate of Title dated 20th August, 2021 and registered in Book 43 Folio 378 of the Register of Titles of the Saint Christopher in favour of **ABDULRAOUF SAEED MORSHED AL-SHEIKH** previously residing at No. C#3 Silver Reef, Frigate Bay in the Island of Saint Christopher but now residing at A2 Sliver Reef, Frigate Bay in the Island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis is the Registered Proprietor of ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. C-31 of Saint Peter's Commercial Development in the Parish of Saint Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: -On or towards the North by a Development Road, 93.66 feet; On or towards the West by Lot No. C-9, 118.51 feet and Lot No. C-10, 35.75 feet and 18.36 feet; On or towards the South by Lot No. C-29, 100.25 feet; and On or towards the East by a Development Road 183.80 feet and 12.04 feet, and containing by admeasurement 17,941 square feet.

Any person(s) who may be in possession of the Certificate of Title or have any information which may lead to its recovery, kindly contact:

Robin C. Guishard
Herbert Guishard Law
Unit C5, the Sands Complex
Bay Road and George Street
Basseterre, St. Kitts
Tel: (869) 466-1186

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Attorney General and Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Garth Wilkin (R) being greeted by U.N. Assistant Secretary General and Officer-in-Charge of Legal Affairs, Stephen Mathias.

Legal and Maritime opportunities expanded for Kittitians and Nevisians

In a bid to leverage his presence and participation in the First Working Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for drafting the UN Framework Convention on International Tax Cooperation, Attorney General Garth Wilkin met with senior legal officials at the United Nations.

Stephen Mathias, Assistant Secretary General and Officer-in-Charge of Legal Affairs, welcomed the Attorney General Wilkin and his delegation to deepen St. Kitts and Nevis-United Nations dialogue.

Attorney General Wilkin was joined by H.E. Dr Mutryce Williams, Permanent Representative of St. Kitts and Nevis to the UN, Mr. Eustace T. Wallace, Minister Counsellor, and Mrs. Liska Hutchinson-Rhyner, Crown Counsel.

Both high officials agreed on the need to enhance legal cooperation to ensure small island states like St. Kitts and Nevis take advantage of opportunities embedded in international jurisprudence resulting from new treaties, including the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction or BBNJ Agreement, also referred to by some stakeholders as the High Seas Treaty or Global Ocean Treaty.

As the Permanent Mission of St. Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations expands partnership and capacity-building opportunities, the BBNJ was singled out as fertile ground for inter-ministerial training, upskilling and workforce development.

According to the United Nations, the BBNJ focuses on "Marine genetic resources, including the fair and equitable sharing of benefits; Measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas; Environmental impact assessments; and Capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology. The Agreement also addresses several "cross-cutting issues", establishes a funding mechanism and sets up institutional arrangements, including a Conference of the Parties and various subsidiary bodies, a Clearing-House Mechanism and a secretariat."

Senator Wilkin welcomed the initiative by underlining "our Sustainable Island State Agenda 2040 relies on our ability to go out into the world and shore up partnerships, programs, and projects. The United Nations remains one of our most meaningful development partners, and legal and maritime opportunities will allow Kittitians and Nevisians to benefit directly from expanded opportunities in maritime education, entrepreneurship, innovation, and even maritime law and security.

Prime Minister Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew emphasized that, "we will seize new areas of opportunities to ensure St. Kitts and Nevis is positioned for international leadership across

emerging sectors. As a large ocean state, we must begin to leverage our ocean resources and the ecosystems of the Caribbean Sea to boost our pursuit of sustainability, resilience and security. Our public servants must be better equipped to negotiate internationally, our fisherfolk must benefit from expanded opportunities at sea to care for their families, and our youth must have access to emerging technologies and innovations to expand their horizons and their security."

These discussions show the determination of this administration to deliver diplomacy with results.

Both parties pledged to translate the meeting into a long term partnership between the Office of Legal Affairs and the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

ISLAND OF NEVIS

A.D. 2025

LAND REGISTRY Filed Lodged JUL 24 2025 ST CHRISTOPHER & NEVIS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **DENICE CELESTINE BROWNE** of Cotton Ground Village, in the Parish of St. Thomas, in the Island of Nevis through her Solicitor, CTS-Simmonds Legal Chambers has applied to the Registrar of Deeds for a Vesting Deed in her favour in respect of an area of land situate at Cotton Ground, in the Parish of St. Thomas, in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows that is to say:- **On or towards the North by Village Road, 95.86 feet; On or towards the South East by lands of James Caines, 87.59 feet; On or towards the South by land of James Caines, 27.49 feet and 17.62 feet, On or towards the South West by lands of Allison Herbert and Right of Way, 43.20 feet and On or towards the West by lands of Alfred Huggins, 85.70 feet** and containing by admeasurement **8,060.44 square feet.**

Dated the 12th day of August, 2025

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Registrar

Trump pushes for Haiti security mission, claims media report

The Trump administration plans to ask the United Nations Security Council to send a security mission to Haiti to fight the criminal groups that now control 80% of the country, according to a report from Caribbean Media Corporation.

The report says that the move follows threats from Jimmy Chérizier, leader of the "Viv Ansanm" gang coalition, to overthrow Haiti's interim government if the Transitional Presidential Council does not resign.

For the proposal to pass, the US must secure support from Security Council members and avoid vetoes from China or Russia. A recent UN report said 1,520 people were killed and 609 injured in the final three months of 2025.

UK-Certified Midwife praises maternity care services at JNF

Maternity services offered at the Joseph Nathaniel France (JNF) General Hospital in Basseterre are empowering in supportive care, and midwives and matrons have come in for high praise from one of their own, a United Kingdom-certified midwife who has roots in the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis.

"The work that is being done by the midwives and the matrons in St. Kitts and Nevis is amazing," said Certified Midwife Halima France-Mir of Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. "I think everyone, internationally, could learn a lot from what they are doing here. I think they really care about their women and they offer groundbreaking support when it comes to maternity care and community care, and we are very privileged in St. Kitts and Nevis to have such a caring maternity system."

Midwife France-Mir and her mother Councillor Mahalia France-Mir were in the Federation on a two-week visit (which ended on August 12), and she made the made the remarks on Friday, August 8, after they was given a tour of JNF General Hospital's Maternity Ward by the Assistant Director of Institutional-Based Nursing Services, Mrs Sandra Lestrade-Caines.

Her grandfather, Dr Arthur France MBE, is a nephew of National Hero Rt. Excellent Sir Joseph Nathaniel France, after whom the JNF General Hospital is named. He was born in Mt Lily Village, Nevis, in 1935 and moved to Leeds in England in 1957.

From her observations, Midwife France-Mir emphasised that she was inspired by the women and the midwives and nurses that she met, stressing that they are so dedicated and so passionate about what they do, and that it was indeed an honour to meet them and see what they do on a day-to-day basis, underscoring that JNF General Hospital is a beautiful facility.

"I started my training back in

COURTESY PHOTO

Councillor Mahalia France-Mir (left) and her daughter, Certified Midwife Halima France-Mir, at the Maternity Ward's reception area with Mrs Sandra Lestrade-Caines (right) and Senior Staff Nurse Natasha Williams. Behind the counter is Staff Nurse Ashlyn Wilson.

"We were able to point out our antenatal services, our postnatal services, our labour and delivery, and the highlight was that we are Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) certified since 2023, and we promote exclusive breastfeeding," said Mrs Sandra Lestrade-Caines.

Dr Arthur France MBE is best known for his unwavering support and promotion of West Indian culture, having founded the first West Indian carnival in Europe in Leeds in 1967, the Leeds West Indian Carnival. Following the carnival's 50th anniversary in 2017, the Nevis Island Administration honoured him when it celebrated his contributions to West Indian culture by inviting him for the 44th anniversary of Culturama in 2018.

On the tour, he was accompanied by several members of his family, who been a member of the Labour Party for over 20 years, serving as Treasurer of my local branch. In 2022, I stood for election in my local ward and was honoured to be elected as a Councillor with 55% of the vote."

Councillor France-Mir who was born and raised in Leeds has a background in healthcare delivery. She studied Neuroscience at the University of Leeds, and after graduating, she worked in laboratory settings at a local NHS hospital, where she gained direct experience in healthcare delivery and developed a strong foundation in scientific thinking.

Having arrived in the Federation on Tuesday July 29, they returned to England on Tuesday, August 12, after a two-week event-filled working holiday in a country where they traced their roots, They also visited the island of Nevis, where Dr Arthur France MBE, and National Hero Rt. Excellent Sir Joseph Nathaniel France were born – Mt Lilly Village.

"This visit is not only a homecoming – it is a continuation of my family's legacy of service and cultural connection between the Caribbean and the UK," underscored Councillor Mahalia France-Mir. "I am deeply committed to strengthening ties, sharing knowledge, and supporting opportunities for mutual growth."

LETTER

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families striving to heal generational wounds and rebuild cultural connections.

I respectfully request your intervention, specifically:

1. Clarification of who within your Government has the authority to review or appeal this decision.

2. Interpretation of how Section 90(f) is applied in cases involving descendants of individuals born before independence.

3. Commitment to reform the descent-based citizenship provisions, aligning them with global best practices and honoring the Federation's moral responsibility to its diaspora.

This is more than a legal matter—it is about identity, belonging, and preserving a generational connection to our homeland. I urge you to treat this appeal with the gravity it deserves and to provide clear guidance on a path forward.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Respectfully,
Kimara Smith
Daughter of Ms. Gladys Smith

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
FEDERATION OF ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
ST. CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT
A.D. 2025

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SKBHPB2025/0093

In the matter of the Application of **BEVERLEY AMANDA BOUTTÉ** also known as **BEVERLEY AMANDA JACOB** for the issue of a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of **VERNON MACDONALD JACOB** late of 11 Craufurd Road, Oxford, United Kingdom (Deceased)

And

In the Matter of Rule 13 of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Non-Contentious Probate and Administration of Estates) Rules

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **BEVERLEY AMANDA BOUTTÉ** also known as **BEVERLEY AMANDA JACOB** of 90 Pegasus Road, Oxford, United Kingdom for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, who was given consent by **FITZROY ALEXANDER JACOB** and **FIONA SUZANNE JACOB** the other children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate a widower, on the 29th day of July, 2024.

Any person having 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 the 7th day of August , 2025.

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CHARLES & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys-at-Law

Filed by CHARLES & ASSOCIATES, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant whose address for service is Unit C20, The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

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St. Kitts and Nevis

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1. Manage the receipt and safe custody / storage of declarations from Public Officials
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APPLICATIONS WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND CURRICULUM VITAE ARE TO BE MAILED TO:
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P. O. Box 948
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DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: 22nd AUGUST, 2025.

P.O. Box 948, Delisle Walwyn & Co. Ltd Building, Top Floor, Liverpool Row, Basseterre, St. Kitts, W.I.
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Deputy PM and Parliamentary Rep.for St.Christopher One, Hon. Dr. Geoffrey Hanley

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both the federal government and Nevis to pursue transformative large-scale projects.

"It also is an indication, Madam Speaker, that we are saying to the world that we are open for business and the government, of course, is using and looking for any opportunity for new investment to drive growth and economic expansion," he added.

Referencing global examples like the Dubai International Financial Centre, Dr. Hanley expressed confidence that Special Sustainability Zones could deliver similar transformative benefits to Saint Kitts and Nevis. He praised the meticulous work of the Attorney General and the legislative drafting team, noting that the bill answers key questions while protecting the nation's long-term interests.

Dr. Hanley reaffirmed that the legislation will strengthen the Federation's economic foundation, open doors for investors committed to sustainability, and ensure that citizens benefit from responsible development for generations to come.

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economic uncertainty and unpredictability that now define the global economy. Saint Kitts and Nevis must be at the table of key debates and decisions or else we find ourselves with rules not of our own making. Tax is a deeply personal matter, and we must ensure Kittitians and Nevisians are protected and are cushioned from international volatility."

Ambassador Mutryce Williams, Permanent Representative of St. Kitts and Nevis to the UN, Mr. Eustace T. Wallace, Minister Counsellor and 2nd Committee (Economic and Financial Affairs) Lead at the Permanent Mission accompanied the Attorney General. Crown Counsel II, Mrs. Liska Hutchinson-Rhyner, will represent the Federation at the second week of the First Working Session.

ALERT

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Tropical Storm Erin on the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA), in partnership with the Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Services, the Department of Public Works, the Office of ADA Coordinator, and the Department of Human Services, has accelerated the territory-wide sandbag distribution program," officials said in a Facebook post.

"While the exact impact of Tropical Storm Erin remains uncertain at this time, VITEMA is taking proactive measures to ensure all residents have access to critical hurricane preparedness resources before the storm's arrival."

Officials said this accelerated distribution represents the only sandbag distribution for the 2025 hurricane season.

"We strongly encourage all residents to take advantage of this opportunity to protect their homes and property," officials said.

The U.S. Coast Guard also isn't taking any chances and said that it implemented Port Condition Whiskey for seaports in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands on Wednesday.

During Port Condition Whiskey, port facilities are currently open to all commercial traffic and transfer operations may continue. But pleasure craft have been advised to seek safe harbour.

Port facilities have been told to review and update heavy weather response plans and make any additional preparations that are needed to prepare for any potential impacts.

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