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## Editorial

### Interesting 'Chairing' On Of Events

Simply by the subject of this piece, surely most of you know what I am about to touch on, stemming from that recent viral video coming out of Alabama in the United States with that black versus white riverboat brawl (Saturday 5th August 2023) which involved the famous folding chair.

Now, the internet has such an interesting racial comical take on how the events unfolded from different angles captured via cellphone footage, parody scenarios and jokey memes about the folding chairs and so much more including spotlight placed on the swimmer who made his way in seeking to help out in the situation, apparently between boating groups.

The topic of race specifically the historical struggles of oppression meted out against blacks by the whites in America over the years even after the abolition of slavery continues to be an ongoing topic and debate even in these modern times. We have heard about racial profiling and other instances of prejudice which many black people still encounter in the US with the state of Alabama having a tense, controversial history.

The riverboat incident is quite a thought-provoking one. A brawl, allegedly started by a white man, who got into an altercation with a black man, saw an escalating scenario of various instances of physical fights of black versus white going in favour of the black people being victorious, as applauded by the flood of internet users on a global scale including in the Caribbean region. And yes of course, we here in St. Kitts and Nevis got in on the commenting, sharing and reaction part of the action.

Although it is not quite clear how the incident started in the first place, the togetherness of the black people- who appear to be strangers for the most part- in coming together in defense mode has sent the internet wild with excitement as if having a score board type of celebration.

Even the light-hearted fight sport type commentary from the

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT  
(PROBATE)  
A.D 2023

In the Estate of VIOLA HENRY, late of  
Stapleton Village, St. Peter,  
St. Christopher

#### ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by CAROLETTE CHRISTOPHER, of Stapleton Village, St. Peter in the Island of Saint Christopher, in the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis for a Grant of Probate of the above-named deceased who died on 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018 without revoking a will bearing the date 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1999 wherein the Applicant is named Executrix.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2023.

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female recorder of what appears to be the first video footage has attracted comical reactions which seemed to have set the tone for others who followed in making the video and overall incident go viral.

A CNN 8th August news article reported: "The fight stemmed from a dispute over a dockside parking spot at Riverfront Park between the crew of a large riverboat and the owners of a small private boat, Montgomery Police Chief Darryl J. Albert said Tuesday at a press conference."

That media house also indicated that: "The fight largely broke down along racial lines in a city with a fraught history of racial violence. Investigators looked into whether there was enough evidence to charge for a hate crime or inciting a riot, but the actions did not meet the criteria, Albert said."

According to social media internet ratings, the black man labelled as 'Chairman of the Year' is star of the brawl having used a folding chair as a weapon. Internet memes claimed that 'Our ancestors approve of such' fighting weapon choice with edited images of black freedom fighters either handing over or holding a folding

chair to support their opinion on the topic.

Although lightheartedness has been used in this scenario, clearly racial tension is still a topic in the hearts and minds of black people all over the world. The cheering on of what took place in which black people won against the white ones shows that the difficulties between black and white people remains at the forefront of the minds of many black people, and so any opportunity for payback is taken.

There are many black people who want justice for the tribulation of our people over the years in a white system.

Here in the Caribbean region, many islands were recently linked by the observation of Emancipation Day holiday period (observed on the first Monday in August) which marked the end of slavery oppression with the abolition of slavery in 1838.

Many of us up to day continue to talk about financial reparations for the wrongdoings against our black people.

It is amazing how we can come together as a people when the topic of injustice surfaces, and that is something not only worth cheering on but rather we need to build each other up at all times to empower our people for generations to come.



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# PM Drew: Economic Recovery Approaching

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 9th August 2023)** - Minister of Finance, Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew has revealed that full economic recovery in the country is expected by the end of 2023.

“Despite all of these challenges, we are on track to full economic recovery by the end of 2023. Further, we will receive a study on revenue sharing between St.Kitts and Nevis shortly and it is our intention to create a sovereign wealth fund to safeguard our financial future.”

The St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) Leader made the disclosure on Saturday 5th August 2023 during an address to the nation to mark the one-year anniversary of the party’s administration in government office.

On the topic of ‘Your Jobs and The National Economy’, he remarked: “In the first quarter of this year, the economy rebounded significantly with growth in multiple sectors such as tourism, agriculture, financial services, and the strengthening of the Citizenship by Investment Programme. We saw surpluses of over 50% with more than 2,500 jobs being created. The month of June was historic for Inland Revenue, where the highest-ever tax collection was registered, despite no new taxes, no increase in existing taxes nor the restoration of reduced tax rates.”

The Finance Minister continued: “Additionally, the Development Bank was able to provide over 300 small business loans. This demonstrates that the foundation of the economy is sound, and we are on track to full economic recovery as we battle through this difficult and challenging post-COVID period, complicated by the existential threat of climate change, conflicts and disruptions in global supply chains, and lack of access to concessionary loans from the mainstream international financial institutions. Despite all of these challenges, we are on track to full economic recovery by the end of 2023. Further, we will receive a study on revenue sharing between St.Kitts and Nevis shortly and it is our intention to create a sovereign wealth fund to safeguard our financial future.”

Speaking to the celebration of the one-year anniversary, the SKNLP Leader stated: “Today marks the one-year anniversary of our St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party’s Administration and we are reminded of all the reasons for celebration. I pause today therefore on behalf of this historic party, that it is my honour to lead, a party which has contributed tremendously to the lives and well-being of the people of St. Kitts and Nevis. I particularly want to express gratitude to our citizens and residents for the continued cooperation and commitment to working with your government over the last year, towards a better St.Kitts and Nevis ‘For the good that we can do’. Thank you to all the citizens and friends of our country, at home and abroad, who are making this journey with us.”

According to him: “The people of this country can feel an immense sense of pride and gratitude for the incredible progress which has been made in the last year. We are a people united in our vision to transform this nation into a “Sustainable Island State” - a beacon of resilience and progress in the face of global challenges, a flagship country in the OECS and in the Caribbean, and a towering model among small island developing states.

Prime Minister Drew commented that since the election of August 5th, 2022, he and his colleagues set out to transform St. Kitts and Nevis into a sustainable island state, built on seven pillars of change and to build the resilience which will protect our country and people from shocks of all types.

“On this journey, we have tackled many obstacles; we have transformed threats into opportunities; we converted weaknesses into strengths; and we turned tragedies

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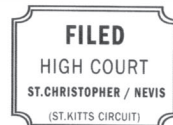
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SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

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(PROBATE)

In the Estate of **SHEILA CROSSE** late of Cardin Avenue,  
Basseterre, St. Kitts, deceased.

### ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **LEROY ALPHONSO CROSSE** of Toronto, Canada for a grant of

- (a) Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 7<sup>th</sup> January, 1993 wherein the applicant is named 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.

  
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HENDERSON LAW CHAMBERS  
Attorneys-at-Law for the Estate of **SHEILA CROSSE**

Filed by: Brittney S. Jeffers Attorney-at-Law of **HENDERSON LAW CHAMBERS**, Suite 7, The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, St. Kitts. Telephone Number: (869) 465-6242. The Applicant’s address for service is at Henderson Law Chambers.

The Registry is at Sir S.W. Tapley Seaton GCMG, CVO, KC, JP, LL.D. ANNEX, East Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, telephone number (869) 465-2009, facsimile number (869) 465-2482. The Office is open between 8:00 am to 3:30 pm Mondays to Fridays except Public Holidays.

into triumphs.”

**Front Page Photo: Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Dr. Terrance Drew seen during his address to the nation on Saturday 5th August for the occasion of the one year anniversary of the St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) administration (Spokesman Screenshot/Facebook-St.Kitts and Nevis Information Service-SKNIS)**



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# Parliamentary Representative, History Enthusiast Discuss Teaching Local History In Schools

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Tuesday 8th August 2023)** - History enthusiast Ras Iyah of the Nyabinghi Theocracy Order has underlined the importance of the history of St.Kitts-Nevis being part of school’s curriculum “so that we can see that the youths can have a sense of urgency on what this initiative really stands for.”

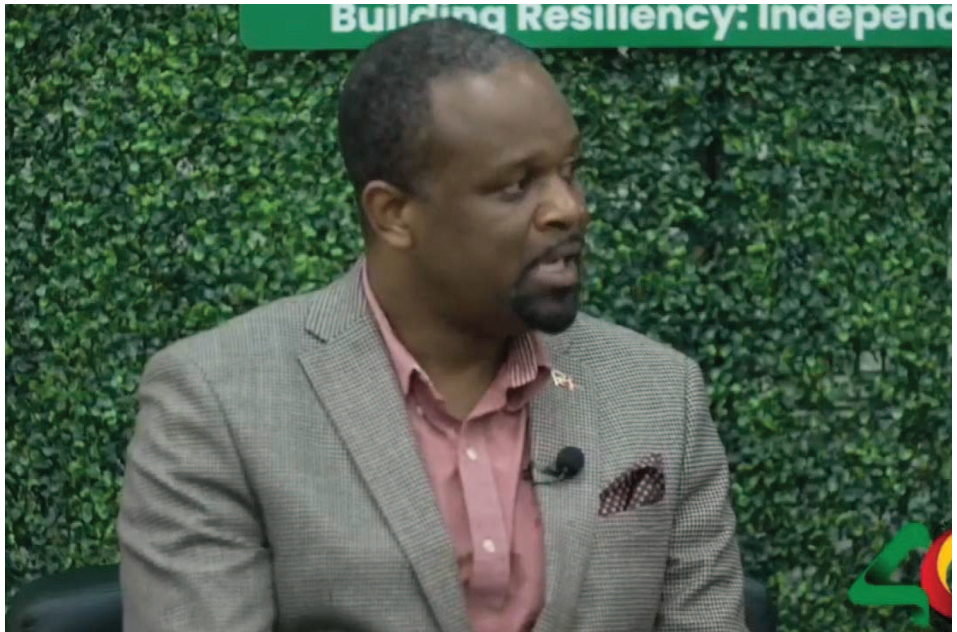
He made the appeal while appearing on a weekly episode of ‘Conversations Reflections & the Way Forward’ Independence 40 Panel Discussion series held on Thursday 3rd August 2023, with interviewer Ian Richards on topic of the historical accounts of 1935 Buckley’s Uprising.

Government minister, Parliamentary Representative For West Basseterre (Constituency Three) Konris Maynard, who appeared on the panel discussion also, expressed that cabinet is committed to the topic of the local history curriculum in schools.

According to Ras Iyah: “These history [details] need to curtail and put forward in the curriculum for our youths to have a sense of who and what they really coming from and where they going.”

“It’s a very shame to see our own history can’t be taught to our youths in the curriculum but the things that we enhance are coming from the same people under the European colonialism. I went through it. That’s why I could talk about it basically because when you look at it I didn’t know anything about the Buckley’s Uprising while in school. I know it while I reached out as a Rasta and I take in depths study in what this meant to us as being a historical record to our people to be significantly standing here today to say thank you for what they have done,” he said further.

Asked about the importance of having such topics being integrated into the



Government minister, Parliamentary Representative For West Basseterre (Constituency Three) Konris Maynard seen while appearing on a weekly episode of ‘Conversations Reflections & the Way Forward’ Independence 40 Panel Discussion series held on Thursday 3rd August 2023 with interviewer Ian Richards on topic of the historical accounts of 1935 Buckley’s Uprising. (Spokesman Snap-Facebook/ZIZ Broadcasting Corporation)

curriculum in schools, Maynard replied: “This is something that I know that the cabinet is committed to; finding ways in how we will make this compulsory for persons to learn our history.”

He continued: “I understand now that history is optional in [secondary] school. When I was in school, it was not optional. That’s something that we need to look and even if it’s optional at that level in terms of our own local history, we should make sure that it is part of the curriculum just as it is in some other countries where it’s a rite of passage; you have to pass through that history in order to be deemed fully a citizen, and we have such an extraordinary book of history that we have to tell the story, and so the Cabinet is committed to that and out of the committee we’ve formed and the plans that we have, we have a number of key historical events that we’re going to insist and ensure that our children are keenly aware of what transpired many years ago.”

Maynard shared his view that the Buckley’s Uprising led to the growth of democracy in the English- speaking Caribbean.

“It is because of that particular event that led to a number of inquisitions. It allowed for Labour unions to become legal which then led to the working class having more to say. It then led to adult suffrage in a number of these countries [Trinidad, Jamaica, Belize, and Honduras] including in St.Kitts and Nevis. So, it led to political victory of the people in these countries which led to democracy so I consider the uprising to be the birthplace of democracy and I think the people of St.Kitts and Nevis should really register this as something significant that St.Kitts and Nevis had a role to play in the development of democracy in the Caribbean.”

In giving an overall synopsis of the 1935 Buckley’s Uprising, Maynard highlighted: “Back in the 1930s the working conditions in St.Kitts and Nevis

had deteriorated and over the workers were asked to do more work for less pay. In December 1934 or thereabout, there were some estates which offered a little bonus for work done but the estate in Buckley’s refused to give that little bonus although their pay was significantly small, the bonus was also significantly small, they did not get it, and the workers felt aggrieved by that and they went to their estate manager which was Dorbridge at the time... seeking some assistance to help them in their impoverish state really and he refused and so a group of those workers started marching around St.Kitts to other estates to garner support and then they came back around to Buckley’s Estate. This was around January 28th or thereabout in 1935. Dorbridge was still unmoved and resisted and I think he-if my history is correct-fired some shots and what ensued was an altercation between the workers and the estate manager. Stones were pelted and so on, and a riot broke out... It became a big riot such that a defense force at the time could not contain the crowd. Three persons lost their lives [Joseph Samuel, John Allen and James Archibald] throughout that episode, nine persons were injured and this caused obviously a great alarm in the country and this is what is termed the Buckley’s Uprising when the workers decided that they were standing up for their rights...”

**Front Page Image: Historical enthusiast Ras Iyah of the Nyabinghi Theocracy Order seen while appearing on a weekly episode of ‘Conversations Reflections & the Way Forward’ Independence 40 Panel Discussion series held on Thursday 3rd August 2023 with interviewer Ian Richards on topic of the historical accounts of 1935 Buckley’s Uprising. (Spokesman Snap-Facebook/ZIZ Broadcasting Corporation)**

FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS  
SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT  
A.D. 2023  
TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

CLAIM NO. SKBLRD2023/0046

In the Matter of section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap.10.19, and in the matter of an Application by JUSTIN BART and CHENELLE BART for the issue of a new Certificate of Title for a lot of land containing 4500 square feet situate at Lot No. 172 Lower Hermitage Extension, Phase 4, to replace a lost Certificate of Title recorded in Register Book P3 Folio 447

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF  
LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JUSTIN BART and CHENELLE BART of Lower Hermitage Extension, Phase 4, in the Island of Saint Christopher has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the following Certificate of Title on the basis that the said original Certificate of Title has been irrecoverably lost by misadventure, namely a Certificate of Title issued on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 and registered in Book P3 Folio 447 of the Register of Titles for St. Christopher, the land contained in said Certificate of Title being Joint Tenants of ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land known as Lot No. 172 situate at Lower Hermitage Extension Phase 4, in the Parish of Saint Mary in the Island of Saint Christopher containing by admeasurement 4500 square feet and which said lot piece or parcel of land is bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On or towards the North-East by Hermitage Estate, 50.00 feet; On or towards the South-East by Lot No. 171, 90.00 feet; On or towards the South-West by Rosemary Joseph Street, 50.00 feet; and On or towards the North-West by Lot No. 173, 90.00 feet. Any person who may be in possession of the aforesaid Certificate of Title or may have any information that may lead to its recovery is asked to contact Gonsalves Parry of Suite 26A, Sands Complex, George Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts, Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant.

Dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2023

CHAUNTELLE HOBSON  
GONSALVES PARRY  
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant

# Electronic Communications Regulators Gather in Saint Lucia

**Castries - Saint Lucia - 10th August 2023** - The Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority/National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (ECTEL/NTRC) 24th Consultative Forum got underway on Thursday, August 10th in Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia. This is the first time since the pandemic that the leading electronic communications regulators for the Eastern Caribbean are meeting in person.

The objective of the two-day Forum is to provide an opportunity for representatives of the two entities to discuss their strategic work plans and budgetary allocation for the upcoming financial year, as well as to discuss areas for collaboration and pertinent matters unfolding in each Member State. Some of the Agenda items over the two days include the delivery of brief remarks by ECTEL's Board of Director for Saint Lucia, Mr. Philip Dalsou; an update from each NTRC on their Universal Service Fund Projects; the regional numbering plan; the timeline for processing of licences and frequency authorizations, and price regulation issues.

ECTEL has been the regional regulatory body advising the NTRCs on electronic communications matters in its five (5) Member States namely; the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines since 4th May 2000. Essentially, ECTEL works with the NTRCs to promote consumer rights and harmonised benefits in the electronic communications sector in its Member States.

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The poster for the 24th ECTEL/NTRC Consultative Forum features a dark blue background with a grid of circular video call windows showing participants from various member states. Logos for ECTEL, NTRC, and St. Kitts Nevis are displayed on the right. The text '24th ECTEL/NTRC CONSULTATIVE FORUM' is prominently shown in white and blue. At the bottom, the location 'Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia' and dates 'AUG 10 & 11th 2023' are listed.

## FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT A. D. 2023

### THE TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19

Claim No.: SKBLRD2023/0045

In the Matter of Section 144 of the Title by Registration Act Cap 10.19 of the Laws of the Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis

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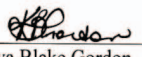
In the Matter of a Certificate of Title issued on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010 in the name of **FELIKS DLIN**, recorded in **Condominium Register Book 23 Folio 13** of the Register of Titles for the Saint Christopher Circuit.

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that **FELIX DLIN** also known as **FELIKS DLIN** formerly of 32 Suworovsky Prospect, Apt. 10, St. Petersburg, 191015 Russia but presently residing at J4 Silver Reef Condominiums, Frigate Bay St. Kitts, has applied to the Registrar of Titles for the issue of a replacement Certificate of Title in lieu of the one recorded in Condominium Register at **Book 23 Folio 13** of the Register of Titles for the Saint Christopher Circuit and described in the said Title being **ALL THAT** Condominium Unit J4 of Silver Reef Development situate at Frigate Bay in the Island of Saint Christopher (St. Kitts) being part of the land described in Certificate of Title registered in Book 13 Folio 459 of the Register of Titles for the Island of Saint Christopher and contained in the Declaration and Description of Fort Tyson Limited registered as Number 23 in the Condominium Corporation Index on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2009 together with an undivided interest in the common area appurtenant thereto subject to the provisions of said Declaration and Description and to the Condominium Act 1976;

Any person who may be in possession of the said Certificate of Title or have any information which may lead to its recovery, is kindly requested to contact the Registrar of Titles at the Registrar's Office, C&C Building, Wigley Street, Basseterre, Saint Christopher, Telephone No.: (869) 467-1605 or **BLAKEFERGUSON**, Attorneys-At-Law and Notary Public, of Suite 3, St. Kitts Marriott Resort, 858 Frigate Bay Road, Frigate Bay St. Kitts. Telephone No.: (869) 465-2913, Mobile: (869) 661-2912 Email: [contact@bflaw.co](mailto:contact@bflaw.co).

Dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2023.

  
Keinya Blake Gordon  
**BLAKEFERGUSON**  
Attorneys-at-Law for the Applicant



## FEDERATION OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

### TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT CAP. 10.19

A. D. 2023

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IN THE MATTER OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 1987 and registered in Book M2 Folio 191 of the Register of Titles in the Island of Saint Christopher Circuit.

-and-

In the Matter of the Application for the Issue of A New Certificate of Title to replace the above mentioned one, which is lost.

-and-

In the Matter of an Application by **SIMEON ELLIOTT**

#### NOTICE OF LOST CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

**NOTICE** is hereby given of the Lost Certificate of Title dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 1987 and registered in Book M2 Folio 191 of the Register of Titles for the Saint Christopher Circuit which title was issued in the name of **SIMEON ELLIOTT** and **LUIS ELLIOTT** Registered Proprietors.

Any person having information relating to the whereabouts of the said Certificate of Title is requested to notify the Registrar of Titles for the Saint Christopher Circuit or the Law Office of **CHESLEY ONEAL HAMILTON** at West Independence Square Street, Basseterre, St. Kitts.

Dated  day of August 2023

  
**CHESLEY ONEAL HAMILTON**  
Attorney-at-Law

# U.S. and UK Governments Support Training on National Case File

August 8, 2023

The Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom continue to provide assistance to the criminal justice system in Saint Christopher and Nevis by training police and prosecutors to manage criminal case files more efficiently and professionally. This will reduce delays in prosecuting criminal matters and increase public confidence in the criminal justice system.

Thirty officers of the Royal Saint Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF) participated in a training workshop on a new system that will improve the quality and content of criminal case files prepared by the police. Standardized case files enable prosecutors to advance cases more efficiently and ensure that cases can be managed and presented in a coherent manner at trial. Standardizing criminal case file management is expected to speed up the hearing of criminal matters.

The National Case File Standards were jointly produced by the US/UK Criminal Justice Reform Project and the Regional Security System (RSS).

The workshop took place on July 28, 2023, at the Customs and Excise Department Training Centre, where facilitators Latoya McDowald, Senior Legal Adviser to the Criminal Justice Reform Project, and Major Kerry Waterman, Director of Risk Management and Policy at the RSS, trained officers on the concepts of early evidential reviews, file building, and case management. Further training will include a 'train the trainer' component to ensure that the initiative is sustainable and fully embedded within the RSCNPF and other key criminal justice system stakeholders.

The training was attended by RSCNPF officers from various units including Head of the Crime Directorate, Superintendent James Francis, as well as a representative

from the Director of Public Prosecutions. Deputy Police Commissioner Cromwell Henry welcomed the training and the opportunity to improve on the preparation of case files as a critical foundation for favorable case outcomes. He thanked the US, UK and RSS for their continued assistance.



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

**Director of Public Works Department  
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts  
on or before 1:00pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

**Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender Opening.**

### **Eligibility**

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

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# Citizens of Saint Kitts and Nevis Can Continue to Benefit From Canada's Partial Visa-Free Waiver

**Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, August 6, 2023 (Press Secretary, PMO)** - The Government of Canada announced a significant development in bilateral relations with the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis in July; the granting of a partial visa-free waiver to Kittitians and Nevisians, allowing them to travel to Canada by air for short stays without the need for a visa.

This landmark decision is a testament to the strengthening of ties between our two nations and acknowledges the mutual benefits of enhanced people-to-people exchanges, tourism, and business opportunities. Easing travel restrictions for Kittitians and Nevisians fosters greater cultural understanding and promotes economic

growth between both friendly countries.

It is important to note that while the partial visa-free waiver facilitates easier travel, all Kittitians and Nevisians who wish to visit Canada must complete the Electronic Application Form (eTA) for seven Canadian Dollars (CAD 7), before travel, to be granted access.

Under this partial visa-free waiver, citizens of Saint Kitts and Nevis will be able to visit Canada for stays of up to [Number of Days] days for tourism, business meetings, family visits, and other short-term purposes without the requirement of obtaining a traditional visa. This provision will enable Kittitians and Nevisians to experience the beauty of Canada, explore its diverse landscapes, and strengthen personal and professional relationships.

## Eligibility Criteria for the Partial Visa-Free Waiver:

1. **Passport Validity:** Kittitians and Nevisians must possess a valid passport. The policy applies to Saint Kitts and Nevis nationals who had a Canadian visa during the past ten (10) years, as well as those who have a current non-immigrant US visa.

2. **Travel Purpose:** The visa-free waiver is applicable for tourism, business meetings, family visits, and other short-term stays. It does not apply to employment or long-term residency.

3. **Return Ticket:** Applicants must provide proof of a return or onward ticket from Canada.

4. **Sufficient Funds:** Travelers are required to demonstrate sufficient funds to cover their stay in Canada.

5. **Criminal Record:** Individuals with a criminal record may not be eligible for the visa-free waiver and should apply for a regular visa.

## Application Process:

To benefit from the partial visa-free waiver, Kittitians and Nevisians must follow the steps below:

1. **Online Registration:** Applicants can register online through the official website of the Canadian Immigration and Citizenship Department, <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta/apply.html>. The registration process will require essential personal and travel information.

2. **Screening Process:** The applications will undergo a thorough screening process to ensure compliance with the eligibility criteria.

3. **Approval Notification:** Upon successful evaluation of the application, the applicants will receive an approval notification via email or other designated communication channels.

4. **Travel to Canada:** With the approved registration, Kittitians and Nevisians can travel by air to Canada without the need for a visa. They will need to present their passport, the approval notification, and other relevant travel documents upon arrival.

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### CONSTRUCTION OF MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING BUILDING AT THE EXISTING JNF HOSPITAL SITE

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# Harris Paints Reinvents Colour

**Roseau, Dominica:**

Regional paint manufacturer and retailer, Harris Paints, has reinvented the way they make paint. An advanced new patent-pending paint system and colour platform has been launched around the Region, most recently in Anguilla, St Vincent, Grenada, St Lucia, Dominica and St Kitts and Nevis - which produces brands best ever product performance.

This new proprietary platform, called Quantum i12 Technology, is good news for local decorators and contractors alike. As a result of this latest innovation, Harris Paints attests to bolder, brighter colours which cover in fewer coats, and have been independently proven to result in exceptional long-lasting exterior fade resistance, especially in shades typically most vulnerable to the sun, such as reds and oranges.

What is more, with this new tech, potential supply issues should be vastly reduced. Colour Technology Manager for Harris Paints, Don Gooding explained, “the new system allows store staff to tint any colour from any brand using just one base. This is virtually unheard of in the industry, where most paint stores operate on a traditional tint system that requires at least four (4) bases to ensure they can tint the colour that customers want. This often results in colours being unavailable when stocks of a particular base run out, or in bad matches from trying to force a colour into an available base. Our platform reimagines and simplifies the whole paint process and in the end the customer benefits from these new efficiencies”.

The new tint system that is reshaping the paint experience, both in front of and behind paint counters around the region, first became a key initiative for Harris in 2018. It brings together engineering, chemistry, colour science, pigments and special formulations to produce better than ever colour results for customers.

Tinters across the region have been impressed with their system and the specialized new tint machines from Italy that are used, giving rave reviews for their ease of operation and reliability. Naturally there can be some doubts as first. Lead



Tinter, Leslie Warner from TDC in St Kitts, expressed he was nervous that pastel colours might come out too light, but after seeing how the whole system worked, he was very pleased with results.

Harris Paints worked closely alongside several international partners to harness and adapt emerging technologies to develop the superior, new colour system that is applied from factory to in-store environments. The research and development team was led by Vice President of Technical Services and Innovation, Charles Kirton who has been the man behind Harris Paints formulations for 40 years. Kirton was the first to see the opportunity and has been credited with an international patent for creating a formulation key to the colour process.

Innovation is not new to Harris Paints. The brand, which is celebrating over 50 years of coating the Caribbean, has been a leading authority in emulsion technology introducing at least a dozen ground-breaking product innovations across the region over the years.

“At Harris innovation is in our DNA” claims CEO Kenyon. “In our 50th year, it’s tremendous to both celebrate all that has been accomplished and to look forward to an exciting future based on this new colour technology platform. It delivers such significant benefits we expect it will likely lead to a significant step change in the future of the industry.

The first of the next generation one-base products currently available from leading dealers are Harris Paints’ top sellers and high-quality emulsions: Ulttima Plus Flat, Satin and Porch & Patio paints.

Consumers and contractors around the Region that may not traditionally be Harris users are encouraged to try the paints from this new system for themselves and see the difference that Quantum i12 is making in terms of real-life performance.

*Picture Caption - Mr. Jervaghn Murray, Harris Paints Technician installing the Harris Paints Quantum i12 software at the TDC Home and Building Depot (Nevis) with Mr. Sherman Maynard, Senior Sales Associate/Paint Technician looking on*

# The TDC Board Appoints Two Accomplished Women as Directors

BASSETTERRE, ST. KITTS, August 5, 2023 - The Board of Directors of St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla Trading and Development Company (TDC) has appointed two accomplished women to serve as Directors.

At a meeting on July 27, 2023, the Board appointed business executive, Ms. Patricia Walters and Attorney at Law, Ms. Kurlyn Merchant to the Board.

**Ms. Patricia Walters**, a citizen of St Kitts & Nevis, was born and educated in the UK. She is an outstanding Business Transformation Leader with over 25 years of international experience in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Sector. She has pursued her business career in The UK, The Bahamas, Barbados, The Cayman Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, as well as St. Kitts and Nevis, where she currently resides and serves as Chief Executive Officer of The Cable.

Her expertise ranges from executive leadership to management, finance, accounting, marketing and customer service. Some of her accomplishments include the Cable and Wireless International Global Summit Award for Change Management in 2007, recognition as a Leading Lady of The Bahamas in 2016 and induction into the St. Kitts Pioneering Women’s Gallery in 2021. Ms. Walters is a Fellow of the Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA).

**Ms. Kurlyn Merchant** is a highly regarded Attorney at Law based in Nevis with experience in litigation, commercial law, international arbitration, energy and natural resource law, corporate and commercial law, banking and offshore/international business law. Ms. Merchant has practised law in The Federation for 12 years, having graduated from the University of the West Indies with a Bachelor of Laws Degree with Upper Second Class Honours in 2010 and from the Queen Mary University of London in 2015 with a Master of Laws Degree. She is a member of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and The Commonwealth Lawyers Association. She currently serves as President of the St. Kitts and Nevis Bar Association.



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# NIA Ministry of Gender Affairs sponsors summer camp for persons with disabilities

**NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (August 10, 2023)**-The Ministry of Health, Gender Affairs and Social Development in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA) is partnering with the Nevis Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Advocates as the non-profit organization hosts its first summer camp for persons with disabilities.

Hon. Jahnel Nisbett, Minister of Social Development, was on hand at a recent ceremony to officially hand over a cheque to the organization, formalizing the Ministry's financial support of the initiative.

"The Ministry is pleased to present a cheque of EC \$5,000 to the Nevis CBR Advocates towards the staging of their first ever summer camp under the theme 'Empowerment For Persons With Disabilities'. Support for persons with disabilities is a crucial aspect of building an inclusive and equitable society. This support should be holistic and comprehensive, encompassing physical, emotional, social, and economic well-being.

"It requires collaboration between governments, organizations, communities and individuals to create an inclusive society where everyone can thrive. The Ministry through the Department of



*Nevis Island Administration donates to summer camp for persons with disabilities (l-r) Hon. Jahnel Nisbett, Minister of Health, Gender Affairs and Social Development and Dr. Glenville Liburd, a representative of Nevis Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Advocates*



*Officials from the Ministry of Health, Gender Affairs and Social Development with representatives of Nevis Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Advocates at a cheque handing over ceremony in support of a summer camp for persons with disabilities*

Gender Affairs provides this tangible donation to show its support for this worthwhile initiative. We take this opportunity to wish the camp every success."

Dr. Glenville Liburd, a representative of Nevis CBR Advocates accepted the cheque, registering the organization's gratitude for the significant gesture.

He explained that the organization has been creating awareness of the need to assist persons with disabilities, hosting fundraising events to help make their aspiration of building a rehabilitation centre a reality.

"It's the first step in a long journey of collaboration because as our logo says, 'together everyone achieves more'. This summer camp will showcase what a rehabilitation centre will do. People can come out to a safe space where there are people who look for their interest and they begin to socialize in a safe environment. We cater for all their needs, meals are provided, transport; they get training for the evaluation and we can intervene at that level to get them empowered to rebuild their life after an impairment," he said.

The Empowerment For Persons With Disabilities Summer Camp 2023 will take place from August 14 to 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Campers will engage in outdoor games, crafts, baking training, talents and skills showcasing, confidence building sessions, and field trips.

To make a donation to the camp, to volunteer, or to register to participate, persons can contact Lavinia Wilson at 765-4224 or activities facilitator Sandra Flemming at 763-6589.

## Community Notice

The Turn Around Agenda invites all to a discussion on Conflict Resolution with Dame Janice Pereira, Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court on Wednesday 16th August 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Antioch Baptist Church, Lime Kiln Commercial Development.

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**Dated: 08/11/2023**

By Order,

**Ryeburn Boyce**  
Acting General Manager



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**Dated: 08/11/2023**

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# Wegovy weight-loss drugmaker sees profits soar

By Noor Nanji

Business reporter, BBC News

The maker of weight-loss jabs Wegovy and Ozempic, Danish pharmaceutical giant Novo Nordisk, has reported a sharp rise in profits on the back of surging demand for the drugs.

Net profits were 39.2bn kroner (£4.5bn) for the period from January to June, rising 43% from 27.5bn kroner a year earlier.

The firm's boss said it was serving "more patients than ever before".

Demand has been so strong the company is grappling with supply strains.

Wegovy - an obesity treatment that is taken once a week - tricks people into thinking they're already full, so they end up eating less and losing weight.

Famous personalities such as Elon Musk are among the reported users of the drug, which has captivated Hollywood and the public more widely since it was approved by regulators in the US in 2021.

Media reports have described Wegovy and Ozempic - a diabetes treatment with similar effects - as "miracle" drugs that will spark a "revolution" in weight loss.

On Wednesday, a new trial showed Wegovy has been proven to also reduce the risk of a stroke or heart attack.

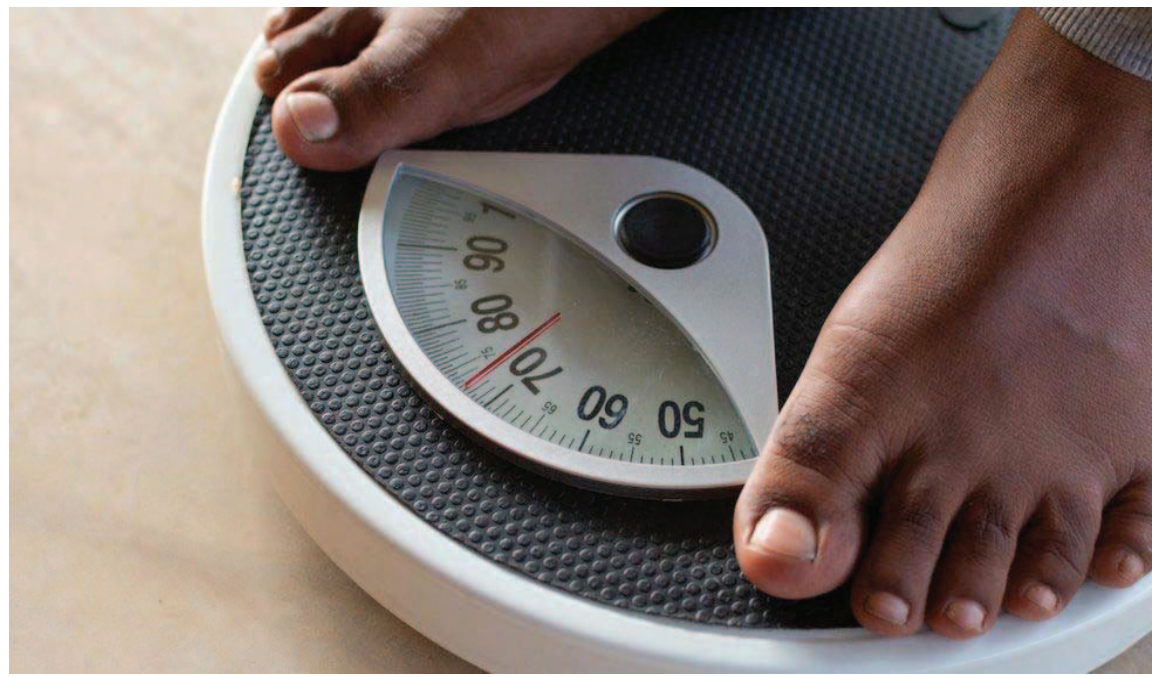
The firm hailed it a "landmark trial", saying it would change the way obesity is regarded and treated.

The company also said it was lifting its annual profits and sales forecasts.

"The growth is driven by increasing demand for our GLP-1-based diabetes and obesity treatments, and we are serving more patients than ever before," said boss Lars Fruergaard Jorgensen.

Wegovy was approved for NHS use earlier this year after research suggested users could shed more than 10% of their body weight.

But in trials, users often put weight back on after stopping treatment.



Male on the weight scale for check weight.

IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES



## The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis Invites Tenderers to provide RFP on the following Projects:

1. **QUANTITY SURVEYING/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION & UPGRADE WORKS TO THE LEE L. MOORE JUDICIAL SERVICES COMPLEX AT EAST INDEPENDENCE SQUARE STREET, BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS.**
2. **CONSULTANCY/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE ST. PETERS MAIN ROAD & FT WILLIAMS HIGHWAY EAST, ST. KITTS**

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**Director of Public Works Department  
Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts  
on or before 1:00pm Friday 08<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

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### Eligibility

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# Tripartite constituents in Barbados identify key areas for ILO collaboration

**Discussions focus on country-specific actions to meet labour market needs.**

A series of ILO-led meetings in Barbados with Government officials, social partners and other key stakeholders has resulted in a reaffirmation of partnerships and social dialogue to promote decent work and prioritize social justice.

Held between 27 June and 1 July 2023, the discussions provided a platform for representatives of workers' organizations, employers' organizations and policymakers to highlight the challenges they face and request targeted technical guidance from the ILO to tackle issues such as social protection, just transition, skills gaps and climate change.

Meetings with the Government included the Honourable Colin E. Jordan, Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector and his team, as well as officials from the Ministry of the Environment and National Beautification, Blue and Green Economy.

The meeting with the Ministry of Labour provided rich insight on labour's current priorities and the vision of the Declaration of Mission to Barbados. The ILO team and Ministries also emphasized the importance of maximizing social justice through policies, as well as strategies that support the Just Transition towards Environmentally Sustainable Economies and Societies for All. During the meeting with Ministry of Environment officials showcased progress on key activities of the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), an alliance of UN agencies, partners and countries which provides services that enable countries to transition toward green economies.

The ILO team also held

talks with the Congress of Trade Unions and Staff

Associations of Barbados (CTUSAB) and the Barbados Workers' Union (BWU) to better understand capacity needs improving representation and prioritization of workers interests. During their meeting with the BWU, they were joined by Sir Roy Trotman, who served on the ILO Governing Body for 20 years.

Discussions between the ILO and the Barbados Employers' Confederation

(BEC) focused on approaches for increasing productivity to effectively reflect market demands, encourage support for micro, small and medium sized businesses (MSMEs) and strengthen private sector performance.

On 30 June, the ILO team paid a courtesy call to Dr. Gene Leon, President of the Caribbean Development Bank, and his team. Dr. Leon outlined the CDB's resilience concept and expressed interest deeper engagement with the ILO on areas of mutual thematic priority.

"The ILO is proud of its longstanding partnership with the tripartite constituents of Barbados and development partners. We are pleased with the outcome of these meetings. We have determined priorities, progress and next steps for joint action to find solutions to some of the country's most pressing challenges that are impacting labour markets and key economic sectors," said Mr. Dennis Zulu, Director of the ILO Decent Work Team and Office for the Caribbean.

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**Repairs to Kim Collins Stadium Tender Documents can be obtained at the Public Works Department, Wellington Road, Basseterre, St Kitts, as of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 for a non-refundable fee of EC\$500.00 each.**

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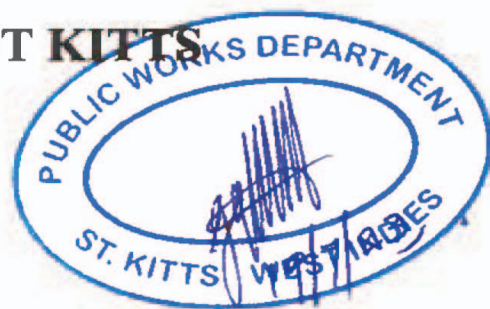
**Director of Public Works Department  
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# Women's World Cup 2023: Netherlands' Lineth Beerensteijn glad 'big mouth' USA are out

From the section **Women's World Cup**

Netherlands forward Lineth Beerensteijn says she celebrated the USA's World Cup exit as the defending champions had "a really big mouth".

The USA beat the Dutch in the 2019 final but their title defence ended with defeat by Sweden on penalties on Sunday.

The four-time winners' last-16 exit was their worst performance at a World Cup.

"The first moment when I heard that they were out, I was just thinking, 'Yes! Bye!'" said Beerensteijn.

Spain v Netherlands preview: Dutch 'know everything' about Spain

Go here for all the latest from the Women's World Cup

"From the start of this tournament they already had a really big mouth," the Juventus attacker added, before the Netherlands' quarter-final against Spain in Wellington.

"They were talking already about the final and stuff.

"I was just thinking, 'you first have to show it on the pitch before you are talking'."

The USA were bidding for an unprecedented third consecutive title, having previously never failed to reach the semi-finals.

They opened their World Cup campaign with a 3-0 win over Vietnam but then failed to win another game, including a 1-1 draw with the Netherlands in the group phase which meant the Dutch finished ahead of them in Group E.

"I am not being rude in that way. I mean, I have still a lot of respect for them, but now they are out of the tournament," said Beerensteijn.

"For them, it's a thing that they have to take with them in the future - don't start to talk about something that's far away.

"I hope that they will learn from that."

Megan Rapinoe, one of the USA's most successful and prolific players, who is set to retire at the end of the year, said after the loss it was "like a sick joke" and the USA have received criticism since their shock exit.

Journalists in the USA called the

# Lauren James: England forward given two-game Women's World Cup ban after red card

From the section **England**  
**Fifa Women's World Cup 2023**

*Hosts: Australia and New Zealand Dates: 20 July-20 August*

*Coverage: Live on BBC TV, BBC iPlayer, BBC Radio 5 Live, BBC Sounds and the BBC Sport website & app. Full coverage details; latest news*

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The Lionesses face Colombia in the quarter-finals on Saturday (11:30 BST).

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# Opposition Party Leader Grades SKNLP One-Year In Office

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 10th August 2023)-** Leader of the opposition People's Action Movement (PAM) Shawn Richards has given the St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) administration a one-year in office failed grade linked to areas of the party's manifesto.

Speaking at a live PAM press conference held on Thursday 10th August 2023, he claimed: "This is essentially a one-term government in free-fall; fumbling, floundering and feeling in the dark unable to gain any traction in the critical areas measured by their own manifesto."

As gathered, the PAM's areas of criticism in accusing the present government of unfulfilled and unaddressed promises includes PAP (the Poverty Alleviation Programme), the Alternative Lifestyle 'Peace Programme' (now renamed Elevate), housing allowance for service personnel as well as financial incentives for alarm system, solar panels and water catchments.

Richards added: "Given the dismal state of affairs ...in just

about every sector in the public service, therefore the PAM has no option other than to assign 'D'- fail-for the colossal management of our country's business that this Labour administration has perpetrated over the past year."

With the Team Unity coalition broken up going into the August 2022 general elections, the two former two political leader partners of PAM and PLP (People's Labour Party) contested against each other with their separate slate of candidates for all eight constituencies as did the SKNLP which captured six (6) seats.

Richards of Constituency Five and PLP leader, immediate former Prime Minister Dr.Timothy Harris of Constituency Seven both retained their seats.

PAM and the CCM (Concerned Citizens Movement) led by Premier Mark Brantley had publicly

criticised Dr. Harris' leadership .

In April 2022, Richards, the then Deputy Prime Minister accused Dr. Harris of having cash-starved projects of cabinet colleagues.

"Many of the projects to be undertaken by CCM, PAM and even the other PLP minister were frustrated and starved of money from the ministry of finance, and the reason was to make us look bad and make one man look good because later he would implement some measures and claim that only he was responsible," he stated then.

After taking office, the new administration led by Prime Minister Dr. Terrance Drew publicly accused the former government of poor management including that of the country's finances, according to findings which revealed that the country was operating in the red for the overall funding as it relates to budget under the previous administration.

In his speech delivered during a one-year anniversary thanksgiving church service held on Sunday 6th August, at the New Birth Gospel Tabernacle, PM Drew stated in part: "

"Over the past year, we have faced challenges head on and achieved significant milestones. Together we have strengthened focusing on prosperity, inclusivity, sustainability, transparency, integrity and progress for all. Together, we revitalized our economy going from a deficit to surpluses in the first quarter of 2023."

**Front Page Photo: Leader of the opposition People's Action Movement (PAM) Shawn Richards has given the St.Kitts-Nevis Labour Party (SKNLP) speaking at a live PAM press conference held on Thursday 10th August 2023 (Spokesman Screenshot: Facebook/ (PAM)ThePeople'sActionMovement)**

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# Gwendolyn Berry: United States hammer thrower gets 16-month doping ban

From the section Athletics BBC SPORTS

Hammer thrower Gwendolyn Berry has been banned for 16 months by the United States Anti-Doping Agency for testing positive for a banned substance.

The suspension means the 34-year-old American will miss this month's World Athletics Championships in Budapest.

Berry's violation resulted from her use of a topical medication - a cream used to treat pain in a specific part of the body - that contained spironolactone.

She has a prescription for the drug but failed to get an exemption to use it.

It is the second doping ban within a 10-year period for Berry,

who was a member of the United States' 2016 and 2020 Olympic teams.

She was also suspended in 2016 for three months after using an inhaler containing the banned substance vilanterol trifenate.

Her ban means she will also miss the 2024 Paris Olympics, which begin next July.

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Gwendolyn Berry at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021

Berry won gold in the hammer throw at the 2019 Pan American Games

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# Virgin Galactic: First space tourism mission after decades of promises



IMAGE SOURCE, VIRGIN GALACTIC

Anastatia (Ana) Mayers, Jon Goodwin and Keisha Schahaff, boarded the VSS Unity for a 90-minute trip into space

By Thomas Mackintosh  
BBC News

Virgin Galactic has taken a former Olympian, a University of Aberdeen

student and her mother to the edge of space on its first flight for tourists.

Ana Mayers, 18, and her mother Keisha Schahaff, 46, both from Antigua, won their tickets in a competition.

They became the first mother-

daughter duo to fly to space together.

Jon Goodwin, from Newcastle-under-Lyme, became the second person with Parkinson's disease to go to space, a trip he called "completely surreal".

Mr Goodwin bought his ticket for \$250,000 (then £191,000) in 2005.

The carrier mothership VMS Eve took off from Spaceport America, in the state of New Mexico, at 08:30 local time (15:30 BST).

Fifty minutes into the flight, the Unity rocket ship separated from Eve as planned.

A short time later, the passengers were given the all-clear to unbuckle and enjoy zero gravity, at an altitude of around 85km (280,000ft).

Ms Mayers, a second-year philosophy and physics student at the University of Aberdeen, immediately reached for the window to take in the views of Earth and the black of space.

The three then returned to their seats and strapped themselves back in ahead of the return journey.

They successfully landed back at Spaceport America just over an hour after taking off.

A BBC graphic shows the flight plan of Virgin Galactic's Unity rocket. It is scheduled to

take off from Spaceport America in New Mexico, after which the Eve carrier plane and the Unity rocket ship will separate, which will be followed by a 90-second climb at close to 4,000 km/h, with the craft then reaching the edge of space at just under 100km, and then experiencing zero gravity, before re-entering the Earth's atmosphere with folded tailbooms, and then going into an unpowered glide before returning to the ground

Speaking at a press conference after the flight, Ms Schahaff - **who won the prize while flying to the UK to visit her daughter in Scotland** - said she was still "up there" following the experience.

"Looking at Earth was the most amazing" part of the trip, she said.

Mr Goodwin described his experience as the most exciting day of his life.

Despite being diagnosed with Parkinson's several years ago, he was given the all-clear to fly.

"I'm hoping that I instil in other people around the world, as well as people with Parkinson's, that it doesn't stop you doing things that's out of the normal if you've got some illness," he said.

"The most impressive thing was looking at Earth from space - the pure clarity was very moving."

In a video posted on social media, Sir Richard Branson - Virgin Galactic's founder - shed tears of joy as he celebrated the mission from Ms Schahaff and Ms Mayers' native Antigua.

Sir Richard, who completed a similar trip in July 2021, wrote: "Today we flew three incredible private passengers to space: Keisha Schahaff, Anastatia Mayers and Jon Goodwin.

"Congratulations Virgin Galactic commercial astronauts 011, 012 and 013 - welcome to the club!"

Mr Goodwin was the first on a list of 800 or so individuals who have bought tickets for a ride on the Unity rocket.

Some of them - including Mr Goodwin - have been waiting over a decade to get their chance, and most still face a long wait.

Sir Richard first announced his intention to make a space plane in 2004, with the belief he could start a commercial service by 2007.

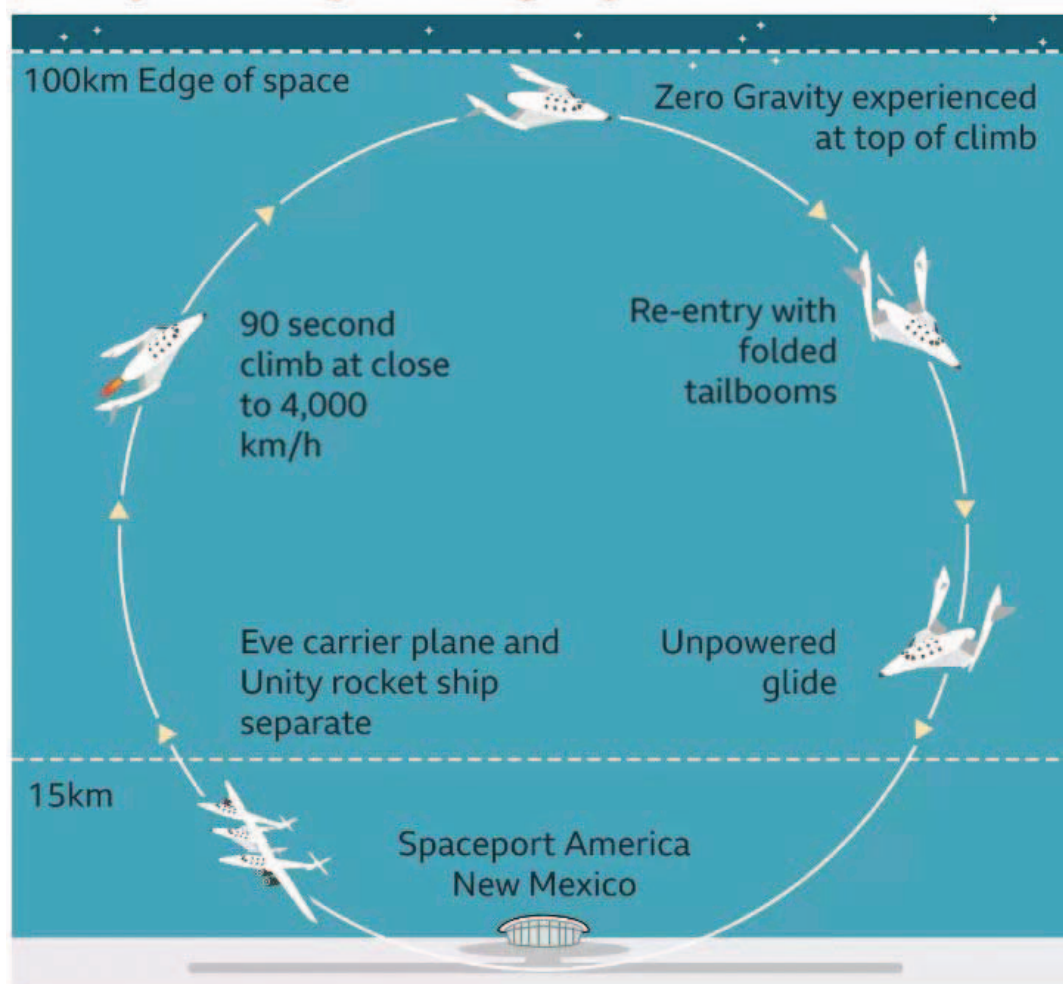
But technical difficulties - including a fatal crash during a development flight in 2014 - have made the space project one of the most challenging ventures of his career.

Recently, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos' space company Blue Origin beat Virgin Galactic in the race to become the first company to take paying passengers into space.

Both companies say their missions further science as well as catering to the very rich.

But, space tourism has been criticised for its cost and environmental impact.

## Unity rocket plane flight plan



Source: Virgin Galactic

BBC

# Somalia suspends sports official over slow sprinter

## Somalia suspends official for nepotism after allowing novice sprinter to compete in 100m

Somalia has suspended a sports official for nepotism after a novice sprinter was allowed to compete in an international sports competition.

Nasra Abubakar Ali took almost twice as long as the winner to finish the 100m at the World University Games in China.

An investigation by the Somali Ministry of Youth and Sport revealed she is “not a sports person, nor a runner”.

The chairwoman of the Somali Athletics Federation has been accused of abusing her power and defaming Somalia.

Khadijo Aden Dahir was stood down following a meeting between the country’s sport’s ministry and its National Olympic Committee.

Their preliminary investigation also found that a sports body known as the Somali University Sports Association does not exist.

The ministry said it will pursue legal action against both the chairman of the Athletics Federation of Somalia and others responsible for the “falsification” of the sports group.

It did not elaborate on what the connection between Ms Dahir and Ms

Ali is.

In a video of the event, the athlete is soon left out of shot and eventually completes the race with a jovial skip.

The novice athlete completed the race in 21.81 seconds - more than 10 seconds behind the eventual winner.

Sports Minister Mohamed Barre Mohamud described the incident as an embarrassment.

“What happened today was not representation of the Somali people... we apologise to the Somali people,” he said.

The fact that she reportedly had no previous experience of competing has prompted some Somalis to wonder why she was ever selected.

“It’s disheartening to witness such an incompetent government. How could they select an untrained girl to represent Somalia in running?” wrote one social media user, Elham Garaad. “It’s truly shocking and reflects poorly on our country internationally.”

In a press release posted to its Facebook page, the Association of Somali Universities said it had not

appointed any athlete to compete in the event.

The Somali Athletics Federation has reportedly agreed to launch an investigation into how Ms Abubakar Ali was selected.

The incident is not the first time Somalia has sparked controversy with its choice of athletes at international athletics events.

In 2016, Maryan Nuh Muse ran a sluggish time of 1.10.14 in the 400m at the Rio Olympics. The average time for the event is about 48 seconds.

However, many praised the runner for seeking to take part in the race and for defying the tough conditions faced by Somali women seeking to take part in high-level sport.

At the 2012 Olympics in London, Zamzam Mohamed Farah clocked a time of 1:20:48 - some 30 seconds behind the winner.

The athlete was reportedly subjected to death threats throughout the games from some in Somalia who believed women should not participate in sport.

# Peter Bol: Australian track star cleared of doping



IMAGE SOURCE, GETTY IMAGES

*Peter Bol says he has been exonerated*

**By Tiffanie Turnbull**  
**BBC News, Sydney**

**Australian sporting darling Peter Bol has been cleared of blood doping six months after failing a drug test.**

The 800m runner, who shot to national fame at the Tokyo Olympics, has been under a cloud since testing positive for synthetic EPO in January.

After a long investigation, Australia’s sporting watchdog has said fresh testing of the sample was negative.

Mr Bol’s case has revived doubts over EPO testing, prompting the World Anti-Doping Agency to review its practices.

“I have been exonerated. It was a false positive like I have said all along,” Mr Bol said in a statement on Tuesday, calling the news that Sports Integrity Australia (SIA) would no longer pursue his case “a dream come true”.

## The runner who lifted Australia

Australian runner’s doping row may have global impact

The 29-year-old has previously said the allegations he was a drug cheat upended his life and shattered his athletic momentum.

EPO - or erythropoietin - is a naturally occurring hormone. But when injected in its synthetic form, EPO is a form of blood doping which has been employed by athletes - most famously Lance Armstrong - to aid stamina and recovery.

Mr Bol was informed he had failed an out-of-competition drug test for the hormone in January, and was provisionally suspended - unable to

compete or train - pending the result of a back-up sample.

That process is supposed to remain private, but a week later his result was leaked to the media.

His back-up sample then returned an “atypical” result in February - meaning it was neither positive nor negative. Given the rarity of two samples not matching, his ban was removed, but investigations by SIA continued.

In a statement on Tuesday, SIA said “further analysis resulted in varying expert opinions” on Mr Bol’s initial sample, but it had ultimately been “reported as negative”.

As a result, the agency announced it had closed the case.

SIA - which has been criticised by Mr Bol’s team and the media for its handling of his matter - said it and

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Temporary Closure Of The Ministry Of Agriculture

The General Public is hereby advised that the main office of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Marine Resources and Cooperatives will be closed on Monday, August 14th, 2023 to facilitate staff attendance at the funeral service of the late Dr. Lesroy Henry.

Please note that only the sale of animal feed at the Department of Agriculture will be accommodated on that day from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

The Ministry apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this temporary closure.

Athletics Australia had at all times adhered to the required processes, and stressed that “athletes in Australia should have confidence in the anti-doping system”.

But the EPO test itself has also been criticised - with experts telling the BBC it is less precise than other drug tests.

In a statement, the World Anti-Doping Agency said it would conduct a review of its EPO procedures.

“While we have no reason to question the validity of the analytical method used for recombinant EPO, Wada will assess the current review process in light of the particularities of this case,” its statement said.

Mr Bol welcomed the review, saying “no one should ever experience what I have gone through this year”.