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Editorial

Bridging Divides: Fostering National Togetherness

Here in St. Kitts and Nevis, the threads of party politics often weave a complex narrative that can both unite and divide us as a people. While healthy political discourse is essential for a thriving democracy, the persistent division fuelled by one-sided agendas threatens to overshadow the shared aspirations and collective identity of our nation. As we navigate the intricacies of party politics, it is time to reflect on the enduring call for nationalistic togetherness and the imperative of placing 'Country Above Self.'

While political differences are inevitable in any democratic society, it is imperative that we do not allow them to define us or dictate the course of our nation's journey. At the heart of our collective vision for St. Kitts and Nevis lies a commitment to progress, prosperity, and inclusivity - a vision that can only be realized through collaboration, compromise, and a genuine spirit of national unity. It is time to move beyond the confines of partisan politics and embrace a broader, more inclusive notion of citizenship - one that places the interests of the country above narrow political agendas.

Building bridges across political divides requires a concerted effort to foster dialogue, cultivate empathy, and promote understanding among citizens and residents of all persuasions. It calls for leaders in general who are willing to listen, engage in constructive dialogue, and

prioritize the common good over partisan interests. It also necessitates an active and engaged citizenry that is committed to holding leaders accountable in a constructive manner and advocating for policies that reflect the collective will of the people towards nation building not party politics drama.

As we navigate the complexities of party politics, let us not lose sight of our shared national identity - the rich culture, history, and heritage that unites us as Kittitians and Nevisians. It is this shared identity that serves as the bedrock of our nationhood, transcending the transient fluctuations of partisan politics and reminding us of the

enduring values that define us as a people.

In conclusion, the journey towards national togetherness is not without its challenges, but it is a journey worth embarking upon for the betterment of our beloved St. Kitts and Nevis. As we reflect on our nation's motto "Country Above Self" let us recommit ourselves to the noble pursuit of solidarity, and progress, transcending partisan politics and embracing the true spirit of nationalistic togetherness.

Together, let us build a future where the interests of our country reign supreme, where civility triumphs over division.

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Dated this 23rd day of April, 2024

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PM Drew: Every Life Matters, Choose Positive over Violence



By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 25th April 2024)- During his Roundtable media interview session on Wednesday 24th April 2024, Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew, delivered a message emphasizing the value of every life in urging young men to steer clear of criminal activities that result in tragedy.

“Let me say that this government and me personally, we will work as hard as possible because every life is precious.”

He added: “Every life is precious... and we have to work to preserve every life. And so I want to encourage our young people, especially our young men, to not get involved in these types of criminal activities that lead to death and destruction and hospitalization and trauma,” expressed Dr. Drew.

Additionally, during his plea, he urged to “choose positive ways and positive paths” and take advantage of the opportunities available in St. Kitts and Nevis.

“I want you to know that your life matters to me, it matters to us, your life is precious. Guard it, protect it. And we want you, of course, to live a fruitful life here in St. Kitts and Nevis,” he emphasized.

Highlighting the government’s approach to addressing violence, Dr. Drew outlined forthcoming initiatives aimed at tackling the issue from a public health perspective. “Our approach is multi-pronged, and very soon, as we have been putting together this strategy of dealing with violence from a public health perspective, which is an all-of-society approach to crime, and violence, we will officially launch,” he stated.

Furthermore, Dr. Drew disclosed that immediate actions had

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been taken upon his return from a business trip, including a meeting with top security officials and convening the entire cabinet for updates on the strategy to combat crime. “But immediately on return, yesterday, as I came off of the flight from Florida, I had a meeting with the Commissioner

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Police Charge Shooting Death Suspect Five Days After Incident

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETERRE, St.Kitts (Wednesday 24th April 2024) - Five days after the recent shooting death on St.Kitts resulting in the death of 38-year-old Elston Estridge of Conaree Village, police have jailed a young man-also in his 30s- in connection to the crime.

Information coming from the Police Public Relations office- shared on Wednesday 24th April 2024- revealed that authorities have arrested and charged 32-year-old Jamari Herbert of John Street, Newtown/Upper Monkey Hill, St. Peter’s, for Estridge’s murder.

He was formally charged on April 23rd, 2024, at the Cayon Police Station, following thorough investigations by the Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force (RSCNPF).



Reportedly, the criminal act took place on April 18th, 2024, between 1:30 PM and 2 PM.

In responding to the scene, police officers observed Estridge lying on the ground with gunshot wounds about the body. He was subsequently pronounced deceased at the scene.

Preliminary investigations indicate that Estridge was accosted by an armed assailant who fled the scene afterwards.

The Crime Scene Unit processed the scene and collected evidential items, contributing to the ongoing investigation.

As the investigation continues, the RSCNPF urges anyone with information about this incident or any other criminal matter to come forward and assist law enforcement. Information can be provided anonymously through the Crime Stoppers’s™ Hotline at 707 or by contacting the nearest police station.

Additionally, the RSCNPF expresses sincere condolences to all who have been negatively impacted by this incident.

Photo: Murder accused 32-year-old Jamari Herbert (Police Photo)

Maynard: Water In Cayon Not Being Wasted

By: Spokesman Newsroom

BASSETTERRE, St.Kitts (Thursday 25th April 2024)- In a bid to address public concerns over the seeming wastage of water during testing processes in Cayon, it has clarified that the water being pumped is not lost, but instead being recycled for sustainable usage.

“Right now, the water is coming and going this way. This is what you call an air valve to allow air to come out of the system. This is our meter that is doing the flow rate right now, it is about 206 average US gallons per minute,” explained Minister responsible for Water Services Konris Maynard, providing insight into the testing process.

He made the disclosure during an on-site visit to the newly-built well on Wednesday 24th April 2024 during the testing process being done by Bedrock Exploration Development Technologies St. Kitts Ltd (BEAD), as captured via a video presentation publicised on the official Facebook page of the St.Kitts and Nevis Information Service.

“It’s been pumping at this for some time and then we spoke about the step-up test, they are going to step it up and then it goes out and most of it, majority of it will be recycled back into the ground but this is a necessary step, so no alarm, no concerns, this is part of the process,” Maynard further clarified.

“When this is finished and we get back the tests and they are great, then this will then turn to be connected to our line. This is our line to go to our storage here,” he continued, emphasizing the importance of the testing phase.

The Water Services Minister highlighted, “...Water Services Department has done their part and is ready for connection. So this is a good day. This is all part of the process. I know sometimes these things seem like they take a lot of time but it is important that we follow all procedures, that we do not rush to come to any conclusion because when we are finished with this, we want it to be done and dusted to assist with the perennial problems that we have had with water shortages in this area and around the country, and we want it to last for many, many years.”

Meanwhile, Water Engineer Cromwell Williams, Manager of the St.Kitts Water Services Department shared: “During this pump test, we will periodically, maybe every hour, every couple of hours, be taking samples and those samples will be tested to make sure that the quality continuously meets whatever the standard is when we use the WHO standard.”

He added: “So it is important to note that this is a quantity test but at the same time, we will be taking samples to monitor the quality of the water and of course, as we have assured the persons in the public, the Water Services Department will never put water in our system that does not meet the quality standard, the WHO quality standard, our guidelines.”

Front Page Photo: Image showing water flowing during the ongoing series of testing in Cayon on Wednesday 24th April 2024 (SKNIS Photo)



Water Engineer Cromwell Williams, Manager of the St.Kitts Water Services Department (immediate left) and Minister responsible for Water Services Konris Maynard interact with an employee of Bedrock Exploration Development Technologies St. Kitts Ltd (BEAD) during an on-site visit to the newly-built well on Wednesday 24th April 2024 (SKNIS Photo)

EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS

NEVIS CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No. NEVHCV2017/0055

ST KITTs NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

- Applicant

and

MARITA MAYNARD (Deceased)

-Respondent

NOTICE OF SALE

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land being a portion of Round Hill Estate in the Parish of Saint James, in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows:- On the North by the Island Main Road 60.00 feet, On the South by lands of Waddy Astaphan 60.00 feet, On the East by lands of Waddy Astaphan 363.00 feet and On the West by lands of Jeffers 363.00 feet and containing by admeasurement 21,780.00 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 15th day of December, 1983 and registered in Book 21 Folio 127 of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit in favour of MARITA MAYNARD formerly of Cotton Ground, in the Island of Nevis as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$469,247.80**

Dated the 4th day of March 2024

M. Flemmy
Registrar of the Supreme Court



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PM Drew: Every Life Matters, Choose Positive over Violence

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of Police and the commander of our defense force, accompanied by the AG [Attorney General], of course, and the PS [Permanent Secretary] in my office, who is acting at the Ministry of National Security," he revealed.

Dr. Drew highlighted the effectiveness of the initial strategy in

reducing crime during the first quarter but acknowledged a recent upsurge, prompting a thorough review of the approach by the cabinet and security forces.

"And then today, the whole

of cabinet, I called it [the meeting], the whole of cabinet together, in person, with the high command of the police force, including the commander of the defense force, for further updates as to what is the strategy going forward," he elaborated.

Dr. Drew concluded by affirming that the cabinet had requested a follow-up report within the next two weeks to

ensure continuous assessment and adjustment of the anti-crime strategy.

Front Page Image: Prime Minister and Minister of National Security Dr. Terrance Drew delivering remarks during his Roundtable media interview session on Wednesday 24th April 2024

Thirteen persons certified during the first phase of Emergency Dispatcher training on Nevis

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (April 26, 2024)- The Nevis Island Administration

(NIA) has facilitated the training of thirteen individuals in preparation for the roll-out of a new emergency dispatch system on the island.

The participants successfully completed the first phase of training, which launched on April 15, becoming certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), automated external

defibrillator (AED) operations, and first aid.

Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley made the disclosure during his monthly press conference on April 23, 2024. He explained that new system will function similarly to the 9-1-1 system in the United States, with the emergency dispatchers being situated at the CCTV Command Centre in Stoney Grove, Charlestown.

He said the goal of this training is to equip dispatchers with the knowledge needed to provide pre-hospital life-saving instructions to persons calling with an emergency.

"We all know that emergencies arise, and when they do, whether it's a health emergency- someone collapses, your child falls- an emergency where somebody is committing a crime, theres an accident on the road, or a fire breaks out, you want to be able to call and get help immediately.

"So what we are going to do is first train dispatchers, and so when you call now the designated number the call will go directly to that CCTV centre. Individuals there will be trained to keep you on the line, find out what is going on, but at the same time dispatch the necessary help. It could be police, or fire, or ambulance, whatever the help that is needed."

The second phase is the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) training. During this phase trainees will acquire essential skills including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, handling cardiac and respiratory emergencies, managing uncontrollable bleeding, addressing choking incidents, assisting with childbirth, and responding to seizures.

The Premier noted that the old 9-1-1 system is still in place in the Federation however, it is not ideal as when some calls from Nevis a dispatcher could answer on St. Kitts or another island.

"We found that there was a gaping hole in terms of our response to emergencies and we wanted to fix that. I am told, which is impressive for me, that the response time has to be under five minutes," adding that the new emergency number is yet to be determined.

Premier Brantley expressed gratitude to the Four Seasons Homeowners Association for partnering with the Nevis Island Administration on this important initiative.

Photo caption: CCTV Command Centre at Stoney Grove Charlestown will serve as the base for the new Emergency Dispatch System on Nevis



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SKELEC Conducts Fire Drill At Buckley's Sub-Station

Basseterre, St. Kitts (Tuesday 23rd, April 2024) - SKELEC successfully conducted a comprehensive drill at Buckley's Indoor Substation on Cayon Street as part of its commitment to enhancing safety protocols and preparedness. The drill, which simulated an explosion scenario, was aimed at testing the preparedness and coordination of first responders, was conducted in commemoration of SKELEC's Safety Week of activities. The exercise provided a valuable opportunity for all parties involved to assess their response protocols, identify areas for improvement, and strengthen collaboration in managing potential emergencies.

The drill was meticulously planned and executed by SKELEC's Safety Week Committee in collaboration with the Fire and Rescue Services.

Mr. Clement Williams, General Manager of SKELEC, stated: "At SKELEC, safety is our top priority. Conducting drills like these not only ensures that our teams are well-prepared to handle emergencies but also underscores our dedication to protecting the well-being of our employees and the community at large."

Mrs. Claricia Langley-Stevens, Safety and Security Manager of SKELEC also emphasized the significance of proactive measures in ensuring safety, "Today's drill exemplifies our proactive approach to safety. By regularly testing our response capabilities and fostering partnerships with external stakeholders like SOL gas station, the JNF Hospital, Fire and Rescue Services, we can better safeguard our operations and minimize risks to our personnel and the public."

SKELEC extends its appreciation to all participants, including the SOL gas station team, the management of the JNF Hospital, Flow technicians, Fire and Rescue Services as well as the emergency responders, for their commitment to ensuring the safety and security of the community.

TDC Financial Services Company Limited celebrates its 30th Anniversary

Basseterre, St. Kitts - The TDC Financial Services Company Limited (formerly the St. Kitts Nevis Finance Company Limited - FINCO) will celebrate thirty (30) years of providing financial solutions in the Federation, on Wednesday 25th April 2024.

To commemorate this significant milestone, the company will be hosting a week-long celebration of activities that will begin on Monday 22nd April. These will include School Presentations, Community Outreach Day, Customer Appreciation Day, Radio Promotional Interviews (TDC Financial Services Then and Now) and a Staff Retreat at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort to honor its dedicated staff members.

Reflecting on the journey, Mr. Steve Farier, the General Manager, expressed profound gratitude, stating, "TDC Financial Services Company Limited is honored to be celebrating three decades of service to the people of St. Kitts and Nevis. Throughout the years, we have remained committed to listening to our customers, expanding our product offerings, and providing financial

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SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS
NEVIS CIRCUIT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No. NEVHCV2013/0145

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED
- Applicant

and

FREDERICK JONES
- Respondent

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with building thereon described as Lot No. 104A on the Ramsbury Housing Development Plan situate in the Parish of St. Paul in the Island of Nevis bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by an Access Road 67.65 feet, On the South by Lot No. 103 of Ramsbury Housing Development 68.20 feet, On the East partly by Lot No. 108 and partly by Lot No. 109 - 135.65 feet and On the West by Lot No. 101A 135.25 feet and containing by admeasurement 9,200.0 square feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the 24th day of September, 1983 and registered in Book 21 Folio 90 of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit in favour of **FREDERICK N. JONES** of Camps Road, in the Island of Nevis as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$595,000.00**

Dated the 14th day of March 2024

[Signature]
Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court

guidance. Our success would not have been possible without the trust and loyalty of our valued customers, for which we are very grateful."

He added, "We remain steadfast in our mission to empower individuals and businesses with comprehensive financial solutions, guided by principles of excellence, integrity, and customer satisfaction. As we look to the future, our focus will continue to be on innovation and customer-centricity. We are committed to introducing new initiatives that add value to our customers to meet their evolving needs."

The TDC Financial Services Company Limited started its operations in St. Kitts on 25th April 1994, on Central Street in Basseterre. One year later, it expanded its footprint,



Picture - Mr. Steve Farier, General Manager, TDC Financial Services Company Limited advising a customer at the TDC Financial Services Company Limited office on Central Street in Basseterre

opening a branch in Charlestown, Nevis, on June 26th, 1995, further extending its reach and impact across the Federation.

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Nevis Cultural Development Foundation wraps a successful Arts and Culture Easter Camp

NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (April 22, 2024) - More than 90 children from young as four years old have completed the two-week Arts and Culture



Participants in the Nevis Cultural Development Foundation Arts and Culture Easter Camp performing during a closing ceremony on April 18, 2024

Easter Camp hosted by the Nevis Cultural Development Foundation (NCDF).

The Easter Camp, which was aimed at keeping local cultural art forms alive through youth participation, was held at the NCDF compound in Pinney's Estate. The program offered its 91 participants training in a number of art forms including masquerade, dance, drumming, clowns, the bull, puppetry and steel pan.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, on April 18, 2024, Deputy Premier the Honourable Eric Evelyn, Minister of Culture in the Nevis Island Administration (NIA), said he was heartened that so many parents were minded to send their children to the annual camp to put their vacation to good use developing skills in the various cultural art forms.

"During the Easter vacation, and summer vacation as well, there a number of camps that are hosted so there were numerous options that you could have chosen from, and by them coming to this camp means you saw the importance of them learning a part of our culture.

"We believe that for Culturama 50 in particular we here on the island of Nevis must be able to showcase our culture in a very big way. So I am very hopeful that based on the camp and based on what the children would have learned, that some of these same children would be on show for some aspect of the Culturama festival," he said.

The NCDF Arts and Culture Manager Mr. Corey Tyson was pleased with the level of engagement the children displayed over the two weeks. He encouraged parents to help maintain the local culture by keeping their children involved in such



Deputy Premier the Honourable Eric Evelyn, Minister of Culture in the Nevis Island Administration (front centre) and parents enjoy children's cultural showcase at the close of the Nevis Cultural Development Foundation Arts and Culture Easter Camp on April 18, 2024

activities.

"We would have completed many hours of intense arts and cultural sessions and I think they did very well. We had children who were exposed at this Easter Camp for the first time as well as our seasoned children," he stated. "The future of culture in Nevis looks bright. Keep on encouraging them, Nevis needs you, Nevis needs them, Nevis culture needs them. I feel optimistic that the future of Nevisian culture is in good hands.

"I want to encourage you to have your children sign up for the cultural arts at the various schools. The NCDF is in all primary schools- private and public."

At the end of the ceremony each participant was given a certificate of completion and the participants were given the opportunity to display the skills learned during a vibrant cultural showcase.

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Saint Lucia Hosts Successful 97th Meeting of ECTEL's Board of Directors

ECTEL Media Release

19th April 2024 - The 97th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL) was held on April 17 to 18, 2024, in Saint Lucia. Some alternates, heads of the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commissions (NTRCs), NTRC Commissioners and Observers attended virtually.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. Philip Dalsou noted that the governance arrangement of ECTEL requires the Board of Directors to meet four times a year to be updated on the work of the regional telecommunications regulator. He went on to say, "The key items under discussion were the work plan, an update on the end of year financial reports of ECTEL and updates on some of the key projects."

The Board of Directors ensures that the electronic communications sector remains properly regulated and that consumers and investors continue to benefit from an industry liberalised over two decades ago. According to ECTEL's new Managing Director, Mr. David Cox, "The advent of ECTEL and regulations in the telecommunications market has led to significant drops in the prices of telecommunications services, it has led to incredible levels of investment."

Mr. Cox said one of the key items on the agenda was the much-awaited Electronic Communications Bill, also known as the EC Bill, which is an update to the current Telecommunications Act. "With the enactment of this EC Bill we could see even higher levels of investment, higher levels of competition and even a greater contribution from the telecommunications sector and ICTs generally to the economies of the region," noted Mr. Cox.

The EC Bill when enacted will allow the five (5) NTRCs which ECTEL advises, to better serve consumers and allow for more investments in the sector. It is the hope that the EC Bill will be enacted in the remaining ECTEL Contracting States within the next year or so. To date, two ECTEL Contracting States have passed the EC Bill: St. Kitts and Nevis on February 18, 2021, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which became the second state to do so on October 24, 2022. ECTEL's five (5) Contracting States,



are the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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ECSE to host DEAP in St. Kitts-Nevis in June 2024

The Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE) will host an in-person session of the acclaimed Directors' Education and Accreditation Programme (DEAP) at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort & The Royal Beach Casino, St. Kitts-Nevis over the period 17th - 19th June 2024.

The DEAP, which is offered jointly by the ECSE and the Chartered Governance Institute of Canada (CGIC), is an advanced director training course, aimed at preparing directors for the important role that they play in the governance of corporations.

Further details and registration for this programme could be accessed from the ECSE's website at www.ecseonline.com, or by contacting the ECSE by e-mail: info@ecseonline.com; or by telephone: 869 466 7192.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No. NEVHCV2013/0002

ST KITTS NEVIS ANGUILLA NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

and

**YVETTE FREEMAN
and
MICHELLE FREEMAN-BURKE**

- Applicant

Respondents

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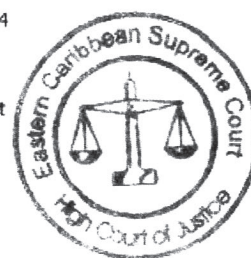
ALL THAT lot piece of parcel of land containing by admeasurement Ten Thousand Seven Hundred and Three (10,703.00) square feet with building situate thereon and known as Lot No. F24C of Hard Times Estate in the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Nevis and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say: - On or towards the North-East by a Public Road, 143.22 feet; On or towards the South-East by the Edge of a Ghaut, 16.63 feet; On or towards the South-West by the Edge of a Ghaut, 59.35 feet, 50.26 feet and 30.53 feet; On or towards the West by the Edge of a Ghaut, 42.71 feet; and On or towards the North-West by Lot No. F24A, 32.77 feet and Lot No. F24B, 74.75 feet, all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated the **15th** day of **January, 2007** and registered in **Book 45 Folio 10** of the Register of Titles of the Nevis Circuit in favour of **YVETTE FREEMAN** and **MICHELLE FREEMAN-BURKE** both formerly of Rawlins Village, Gingerland in the Island of Nevis now residing at Road Town in the Island of Tortola, British Virgin Islands as registered proprietor thereof.

UPSET PRICE

The Upset price for the above property shall be **EC\$538,262.51**

Dated the 16th day of March 2024

M. Flemmy
Assistant Registrar of the Supreme Court



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Saint Kitts and Nevis

PRESS RELEASE

Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarships

Basseterre, Saint Kitts (22nd April 2024) - The Ministry is pleased to inform that applications for the Queen Elizabeth Commonwealth Scholarships are now open.

This scholarship is intended for students who wish to pursue a master’s degree

hosted by member institutions in the countries of Fiji, Ghana, Mauritius, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Vanuatu.

The scholarship covers the following:

- * Fully funded tuition fees
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- * Research Support Grant (on request only; subject to approval)

Interested participants are required to apply online via:
<https://www.acu.ac.uk/funding-opportunities/forstudents/scholarships/queen-elizabeth-commonwealth-scholarships/>

More information pertaining to the scholarship can also be accessed from the aforementioned website.

Please note that the deadline to submit applications is 24th May 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Case Number :SKBHCV2024/0055

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ST.CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

(ST.KITTS CIRCUIT)

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT

TITLE BY REGISTRATION ACT, CAP. 10.19

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Registry of Titles

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificate of Title and Notings thereon and Caveats for the week ending the day of April, 2024

Date of Request	Person Presenting	NATURE OF REQUEST
April 2, 2024	LAUREN CUNDARI and JONI ANDREA CARISSE PETTIT, Co-Administratrices of the Estate of Agnes Gwendolayne Sahely by their Solicitors Rénal Edwards of Unit C16, The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts.	Request for issue of a First Certificate of Title to ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with buildings and erections thereon situate at Cayon Street in the town of Basseterre in the island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by Cayon Street, 48.88 feet; On the South by lands of Lillian Cable, 47.85 feet; On the East by lands of I.J Warner, 62.66 feet; and On the West by lands of the heirs of Joseph Farara deceased 64.37 feet and containing by admeasurement 3,071 square feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the Plan thereof by Dwight Francis, Licensed Surveyor, dated the 28th day of May, 2021 and annexed to the Request, together will all rights, ways, walls, privileges, easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said lands, hereditaments and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining or usually held or occupied therewith. The said lands having been previously described in Deed No. 27630 recorded in Liber W Volume 5 at Folio 326 to 329 of the Register of Deeds for the Island of Saint Christopher as bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by Cayon Street, 49.9 feet; On the South by lands of Lillian Cable, 47.9 feet; On the East by lands of I.J Warner, 63 feet; and On the West by lands of the heirs of Joseph Farara deceased 64.3 feet or howsoever otherwise the same is heretofore was abutted situate or described, together will all rights, ways, walls, privileges, easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said lands, hereditaments and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining or usually held or occupied therewith.

Dated the 18th day of April, 2024.

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Case Number :SKBHCV2024/0056

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ST.CHRISTOPHER / NEVIS

(ST.KITTS CIRCUIT)

IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificate of Title and Notings thereon and Caveats for the week ending the day of April, 2024

Date of Request	Person Presenting	NATURE OF REQUEST
April 2, 2024	LAUREN CUNDARI and JONI ANDREA CARISSE PETTIT, Co-Administratrices of the Estate of Agnes Gwendolayne Sahely by their Solicitors Rénal Edwards of Unit C16, The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts.	Request for issue of a First Certificate of Title to ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with messuage or dwelling other buildings thereon situate in the town of Basseterre in the island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by Central Street, 58.40 feet; On the South by lands of Daphne Malone 30.31 feet and 28.81 feet; On the East by lands of Ida Sahely, 45.54 feet; and On the West by lands of the heirs of Horatio Adlam 47.94 feet and containing by admeasurement 2,766 square feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the Plan thereof by Dwight Francis, Licensed Surveyor, dated the November 11, 2023 and annexed to the Request, together will all rights, ways, walls, privileges, easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said lands, hereditaments and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining or usually held or occupied therewith. The said lands having been previously described in Deed No. 27628 recorded in Liber W Volume 5 at Folio 318 to 322 of the Register of Deeds for the Island of Saint Christopher as bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by Central Street, 57.10 feet; On the South by lands formerly of Rosalind Bridget Veira but now of Daphne Malone 57.7 feet; On the East by lands of Ida Sahely and K. Mallalieu, 46.1 feet; and On the West by lands of the heirs or devisees of Horatio Adlam deceased 49.6 feet or howsoever otherwise the same is heretofore was abutted situate or described, together will all rights, ways, walls, privileges, easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said lands, hereditaments and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining or usually held or occupied therewith.

Dated the 18th day of April, 2024.

Asst REGISTRAR

Cooperativism is the gateway for small rural producers to access markets and the key to transforming realities in rural areas of the Americas



The former Minister of Agriculture of Brazil Roberto Rodrigues, one of the leading experts in cooperativism, explained the challenges for associativism and cooperativism in front of more than 40 rural leaders from 21 countries from all regions of the Americas, in a meeting organized by IICA.

San Jose, 24 April 2024 (IICA). Cooperativism is the key to progress for smallholder farmers in the Americas and the way forward to access markets, scale-up production, improve their economic income and stay relevant in agricultural activity, transforming the lives of their families and fostering the development of rural territories.

This proposal was made by the former Minister of Agriculture of Brazil Roberto Rodrigues, one of the leading experts in cooperativism, who addressed more than 40 authorities from 21 countries of all regions of the Americas, as part of the First Meeting of Leaders of Rurality of the Americas convened by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).

Rodrigues explained in the dialogue, which included the presence of family farmers, medium-sized producers, peasants, members of indigenous communities, teachers, promoters of cooperatives, students, community leaders, promoters of agricultural innovation and technology and activists for a leading role of women and youth in agriculture, that the globalization of the economy has generated a level of competition that poses great risks for small and medium-sized producers, “to the point of possibly disappearing from the markets.”

“Developed countries solved this problem a long time ago through protectionism, credit subsidies, and agricultural prices; smallholder farmers are more exposed to



The First Meeting of Leaders of Rurality of the Americas brought together more than 40 leaders from 21 countries from all regions of the Americas at IICA headquarters, 14 men and 29 women.

difficult competition, and must look for tools such as associativism and cooperativism to guarantee their existence and progress in the markets,” stated the current coordinator of the Agribusiness Center of the San Paulo School of Economics, part of the Getulio Vargas Foundation .

In his conversation about the challenges for associativism and cooperativism, Rodrigues, who is an IICA Chair in agribusiness, explained that cooperativism “is a doctrine”, and plays a role in providing goods and services, while facilitating access to food and financing, enabling conditions for the insertion of family producers into international markets, enhancing competitiveness and value added, ensuring the functioning of marketing schemes and focusing on improving the living conditions of its associates and communities, especially in rural areas.

Likewise, it is crucial to promote education and technical assistance, promote gender equality and protect the environment. “It allows the scale that the rural producers lack, to become stronger together with their fellow cooperative members. That fact has been increasingly recognized,” he said.

In the talk, he cited the example of his country, Brazil, where agricultural cooperatives already account for 54% of rural production. “It is more than half. One characteristic is that 80% of the members of the cooperatives are small or medium producers with medium- or small-sized rural properties, of more or less 100 hectares. With these cooperatives, they are all together transformed into one large producer that competes on equal terms with the other major players”, he explained.

The professor was clear in pointing out to the Leader of Rurality of the Americas that creating cooperatives is not an “easy” task, and that these initiatives must meet three essential conditions from the beginning: “that the community feels the need for a cooperative; the sentiment that Cooperative is a business and must therefore be economically viable; and an associative spirit and strong leadership. If one of these elements is missing, you cannot create a cooperative,” he stated.

He added that transparency and loyalty or sense of belonging of those who make up a cooperative are vital for scaling up in markets and to ensure the social advancement of its members.

“Cooperativism has not grown much because there is a lack of cooperation, a lack of education, a lack of understanding of what cooperativism really is, which is why this First Meeting of Leaders of Rurality of the Americas is so important. It is a participatory event that allows the exchange of experiences between participants and brings people and participants from different rural regions of the countries of the Americas closer together,” Rodrigues concluded.

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A. D. 2024

Claim No. SKBHCV2024/0057

Registry of Titles

SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

For Certificate of Title and Notings thereon and Caveats for the week ending the 26th day of April, 2024

Date of Request	Person Presenting	NATURE OF REQUEST
April 2, 2024	LAUREN CUNDARI and JONI ANDREA CARISSE PETTIT, Co-Administratrices of the Estate of Agnes Gwendoleyne Sahely by their Solicitors Rénal Edwards of Unit C16, The Sands Complex, Bay Road, Basseterre, Saint Kitts.	Request for issue of a First Certificate of Title to ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land with message or dwelling other buildings thereon situate in the town of Basseterre in the island of Saint Christopher bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by lands of Agnes Gwendoleyne Sahely, 26.86 feet; On the South-East by Fort Thomas Road 26.73 feet; On the East by lands of Mutual Improvement Society, 43.60 feet; and On the West by Prickley Pear Alley 43.81 feet and containing by admeasurement 1,171 square feet all as the same is delineated and set forth on the Plan thereof by Dwight Francis, Licensed Surveyor, dated the November 11, 2023 and annexed to the Request, together with all rights, ways, walls, privileges, easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said lands, hereditaments and premises belonging or in anywise appertaining or usually held or occupied therewith.

Dated the 18th day of April, 2024.

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The OECS Joins the UN at INC4 to Develop Comprehensive Treaty on Plastic Pollution

OECS Media Release

April 24, 2024 - The fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating

Committee (INC-4) convened at the Shaw Center in Ottawa, Canada to develop a legally binding treaty to control plastic

pollution, including in the marine environment. Small Island Developing States (SIDS), including Member States of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), are making their voices heard at

these high-level meetings taking place between April 23 and 29.

The OECS has joined the call of international negotiators for an ambitious, comprehensive, and all-encompassing United Nations treaty on plastics that addresses issues related to the whole lifecycle of plastics. Dr. Joyelle Trizia Clarke, Minister with responsibility for Sustainable Development, Environment and Climate Action, and Consultancy Empowerment in St. Kitts and Nevis, said to the delegates: "SIDS are considered the moral conscience and global voice on climate. The push for 1.5 to stay alive, the advocacy for the loss and damage fund led by Antigua and AOSIS must be brought to bear here in this conversation on plastics."

It has been reported by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) that between 70 to 95 percent of marine litter in the Caribbean Sea is from land-based sources, mostly plastics. This highlights the urgency of dealing with plastic pollution, especially for island nations. Furthermore, many waste and pollution issues are transboundary, which

means that poor control and management in one country negatively affects neighbouring countries, potentially derailing their efforts at transitioning to blue economies.

This pollution not only destroys the marine ecosystem but also affects the economic activities of human beings depending on natural resources, which becomes a hurdle in the way of transitioning to sustainable blue economies.

In her address to meeting delegates, Dr. Clarke further outlined what SIDS aspire to in the negotiations. She stated that there should be "increased, amplified, and visible action on banning harmful plastics, just transition pathways, which can be shared and scaled up and built out in a way that honors and edifies local ingenuity. We must also bear commitment to co-designing, co-creating our stake, and co-determining our stake in a resilient future where each life and livelihood is protected and respected."

In February 2022, at the resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly, a historic resolution (5/14) was adopted to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including pollution in the marine environment, with the ambition to complete the negotiations by the end of 2024, and a robust financial mechanism, which advances just transition and provides specific support provisions for SIDS.

As these negotiations continue at the INC-4, the OECS Commission is represented by Susanna Scott, Officer in Charge of the Sustainable Ocean Management Programme, and Farzana Yusuf-Leon, Technical Officer. The team is hoping that there will be, at the core of the mechanism, a ban on harmful plastics and a pathway for a just transition to secure a sustainable future for people and our planet.

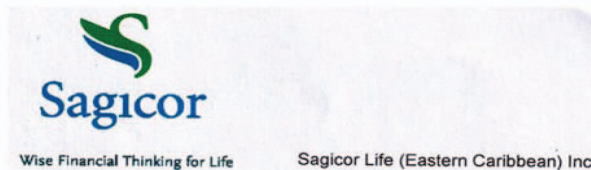
SAGICOR LIFE (EASTERN CARIBBEAN) INC.

Carison Nisbett of #52 Boyd's Housing Project, St. Kitts, having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. K310752** issued by **British American Insurance Company** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **15th April, 2024.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
Corporate Secretary



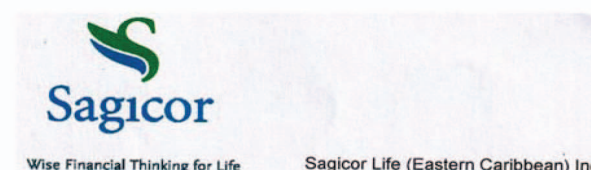
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Elton Forbes of Craddock Road, St. Thomas' Parish, Nevis having made sworn deposition that **Policy No. N100300839** issued by **British American Insurance Company** and assumed by **Sagicor Life (Eastern Caribbean) Inc.** on his life has been lost and having made application to the Directors to grant a duplicate of the same, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the duplicate policy asked for will be issued.

Dated: **15th April, 2024.**

By Order

Andrew Greaves
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Merck raises 2024 profit forecast on strong sales of cancer drug Keytruda

By Patrick Wingrove

April 25, 2024



Signage is seen at the Merck & Co. headquarters in Kenilworth, New Jersey, U.S., November 13, 2021. REUTERS/Andrew Kelly/File Photo Purchase Licensing Rights

April 25 (Reuters) - Merck & Co (MRK.N), opens new tab on Thursday raised its annual profit and revenue forecasts on the back of strong sales for its blockbuster cancer drug Keytruda, sending the company's shares up more than 2% before the bell.

Keytruda, the world's top selling drug in 2023, has been Merck's key revenue driver over the past few years and is expected to top \$30 billion in sales by 2026 before losing exclusivity toward the end of the decade.

The drug is seeing growth from use for additional types of cancers as well as higher patient demand, Chief Financial Officer Caroline Litchfield said.

Sales of Keytruda stood at \$6.95 billion for the first quarter, jumping 20% from the previous year and surpassing analysts' estimates of \$6.66 billion, according to LSEG data.

Gardasil, Merck's vaccine that prevents cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV), brought in quarterly sales of \$2.25 billion, up 14% and largely in line with estimates of \$2.27 billion.

Merck said Gardasil growth was driven by strong demand in China, where it is seeking approval for use of the vaccine in men.

Sales of Vaxneuvance, a shot that helps protect against infection caused by pneumococcus bacteria, rose 106% to \$219 million for the first quarter.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration last month approved Merck's potential blockbuster treatment Winrevair for adults with high blood pressure due to constriction of lung arteries, and the company said doctors had started writing prescription for the drug.

If the Senate fails to pass the repeal bill in a vote, which could happen as early as May 1, the ban could go into effect within weeks.

Litchfield said the company is making good progress on improving access to Winrevair, with several insurers and other payers already establishing coverage for it.

"Overall, we see today's results as consistent with the recent solid trends seen from Merck's business," J.P.Morgan analyst Chris Schott said.



Three Russians parachute from stratosphere to North Pole

By Reuters

April 19, 2024



Denis Yefremov, space technology engineer, performs a parachute jump from the Earth's stratosphere to the area near the Russian polar station Barneo close to the North Pole, April 12, 2024, in this still image taken from video. Denis Efremov/RUVDS via Telegram/Handout via REUTERS

MOSCOW, April 19 (Reuters) - Three Russians set a world record for parachuting from the Earth's stratosphere to the North Pole last week in a mission that also served as a test of a new prototype communications system for use in the Arctic, an organiser of the venture told Reuters.

Mikhail Korniyenko, Alexander Lyyunik and Denis Yefremov hurled themselves from an Ilyushin-76 plane at a height of 10,500 metres (34,450 feet) and spent about two and a half minutes in freefall before opening their chutes 1,000 metres above the ground. The descent was captured in a spectacular video.

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All three suffered some frostbite to their cheeks, despite wearing heated masks, said organiser Nikita Tsaplin. As they plunged at a speed of more than 300 km/h, the air temperature of around -50 Celsius (-58 Fahrenheit) felt like -70C (-94F).

They landed near Russia's Barneo polar base, where Tsaplin said they were able to power up a server using diesel generators and establish a connection to a satellite. The equipment had been dropped earlier from a lower altitude.

Communications in the Arctic are likely to take on greater importance as nations including Russia, the United States and China compete there for resources, trade routes and military advantage.

Tsaplin said the Russians were able to send data via an experimental system, though he acknowledged at this point it had nothing like the capabilities of U.S.-based Iridium Communications Inc, which provides coverage from both the Earth's poles.

"Of course, our solution is a prototype, but still we managed, from our server, to connect with our satellite and to transfer data," said Tsaplin, who is managing partner and co-founder of Russian hosting provider RUVDS.

"Sure, it's not Iridium just yet, but we made some small steps in that direction and that was actually the task - to see how realistic it would be to build a low-cost solution in order to get access from a computer to a satellite."

The primary focus for Merck is Winrevair, Schott said, adding that he expects rapid uptake of the drug from the second half of the year.

New Jersey-based Merck said it expected annual earnings between \$8.53

and \$8.65 per share, up from its previous forecast of \$8.44 to \$8.59. Analysts had expected earnings of \$8.56 per share.

The company's new forecast

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The cricket pitches shipped from Australia to the US



The Nassau County Stadium in New York was pictured with 60 days to go until the start of the T20 World Cup on 1 June
IMAGE SOURCE,ICC

Marc Higginson
BBC Sport Senior Journalist
25 April 2024

The pitches used in the United States at this summer’s men’s T20 World Cup will have had quite the journey when the first ball is bowled at the tournament - being transported over 14,000 miles.

They have come in by ship from Adelaide in Australia, via Florida, as organisers run a major global cricket tournament in the USA for the very first time.

Matches will be played at bespoke venues in New York, Texas and Florida.

The opening game between USA and Canada, and the biggest game of the group stages, India versus Pakistan, will both be played in the States.

There are 16 matches being played in the US, with the other 39 being held in the West Indies.

And getting the States ready for cricket is quite the undertaking, especially when it comes to preparing cricket pitches.

“Our aim is to produce pitches that have pace and consistent bounce, on which the players can play their shots,” said Adelaide Oval pitch curator Damian Hough, who has been tasked with growing pitches in Australia and transporting them to the US.

“We want entertaining cricket, but there are challenges.”

Work on the 10 drop-in pitches started at the beginning of October 2023 when they were initially planted in trays. Each pitch was split into two trays, with the end aim being the production of four match-ready pitches and six practice strips.

A clay-like soil, which is also used at baseball venues in the US, is being used together with a particular grass which is suited to warmer climates and resistant to rolling and heavy use.

The trays were transported in a shipping container on a boat from Adelaide to Florida in January. They have since grown in a warm climate - New York was enduring freezing temperatures at the time - prior to being taken by road to their eventual destination.

To limit the time they are on the back of a lorry, two drivers will be employed to drive each vehicle, limiting the need to stop for breaks.

It will then take Hough and his team 12 hours to bed the pitch in at the venues, some of which are being purpose built for the tournament.

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Merck raises 2024 profit forecast on strong sales of cancer drug Keytruda

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includes a \$0.26 per share charge for its \$680-million acquisition of cancer drug

developer Harpoon Therapeutics, which closed in the first quarter of 2024, Merck said.
The drugmaker forecast

2024 sales between \$63.1 billion and \$64.3 billion, up from its previous forecast of \$62.7 billion to \$64.2 billion. Analysts had expected sales of \$63.83

billion.
On an adjusted basis, Merck earned \$2.07 per share in the first quarter, beating estimates of \$1.88.

Reporting by Patrick Wingrove in New York and Leroy Leo in Bengaluru; Editing by Miral Fahmy and Shounak Dasgupta

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Saint Kitts and Nevis

PRESS RELEASE

Moroccan Scholarship Offer 2024

Basseterre, Saint Kitts (22nd April 2024) - The Ministry is pleased to announce the Scholarship Program of Morocco for the 2024/2025 academic year from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco.

A total of twenty (20) scholarships are available to citizens of Saint Kitts and Nevis desirous of pursuing undergraduate and graduate studies.

Please note that individuals who wish to attain a Bachelor’s degree must be between the ages of 19 and 23 and must have an

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Saint Kitts and Nevis

PRESS RELEASE

Japanese Government Scholarships
for 2024-2025

Basseterre, Saint Kitts (22nd April 2024) - The Ministry is pleased to announce the Japanese Government Scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year from the Embassy of Japan.

Citizens of Saint Kitts and Nevis desirous of pursuing postgraduate studies are invited to do so under the Japanese Government MEXT Scholarship Program.

Interested person are required to complete all forms and submit the necessary documents to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by 22 May 2024.

The forms can be accessed via: <https://shorturl.at/lotyC>

It is important to note that suitable applicants will be required to sit an examination and attend an interview at the Embassy of Japan in Trinidad.

Associate’s Degree or High School Diploma from 2023 or 2024.
It is important to note that successful applicants must undergo one year of the French Language Program.

The application can be found via:<https://shorturl.at/auxES>
Interested applicants are required to submit their transcripts, birth certificates, copy of passport, criminal record and a medical certificate attesting that he/she is in good physical and mental health and not suffering from or has been vaccinated for any contagious disease.

All documents, inclusive of the application form, should be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs no later than 8 May 2024.

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**To the Magistrate,
District “A”**
To the Superintendent of Police.
I, Javid Ali now residing in **Pine Garden, Shadwell** in the town of **Basseterre** do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on **02nd** day of **July 2024**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of my premises in **Cosma Cove Cocktail Bar** in **Camps Food Court** in **Buckley’s Estate** in **Basseterre**.

Dated this
15th day of April, 2023.

Signed : **Javid Ali**

**LIQUOR LICENCES
ORDIANANCES, 1906
SCHEDULE A**
**To the Magistrate,
District “A”**
To the Superintendent of Police.
WE, Roxan Phillip & Denna Merchant now residing in **Shear Lane** in the town of **Basseterre** do hereby give you notice that it is our intention to apply on **02nd** day of **July 2024**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Basseterre** for a **Retail Liquor Licence** in respect of our premises in **Basseterre** in **St. Kitts**.

Dated this
12th day of April, 2023.

Signed : **R. Phillip**

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**To the Magistrate,
District “B”**
To the Superintendent of Police.
WE, Gary Lacon and Lisa Richardson now residing in **Palmetto Point** in **Trinity Parish** do hereby give you notice that it is our intention to apply on **02nd** day of **July 2024**, to the **District Magistrate** at **Sandy Point** for a **Wholesale Liquor Licence** in respect of our premises in **Cool Runnings Beverage Depot** in **Palmetto Point** in **Trinity Parish** in **St. Kitts**.

Dated this
09th day of April, 2023.

Signed : **Gary Lacon**

Usain Bolt named ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 Ambassador



Sprint legend Usain Bolt named ambassador for ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024

ST JOHN’S, Antigua - The International Cricket Council (ICC) have announced Olympic legend Usain Bolt as an ambassador for the upcoming ICC Men’s T20 World Cup, which will be played in the West Indies and USA from 1-29 June 2024. The announcement comes a few weeks ahead of the start of the biggest cricket carnival spectacle ever that will inspire a new generation of fans. Bolt’s global appeal alongside his out of this world athletic achievements and ability to transcend boundaries makes him a perfect fit for the biggest T20 World Cup ever.

Bolt created history at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio when he achieved the

‘Triple-Triple’, three gold medals at three consecutive Olympic Games. His journey to worldwide stardom started at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing where he won the 100m, 200m and 4x100m, all in world record times.

Bolt currently holds world records in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m with times of 9.58 secs, 19.19 secs and 36.84 secs. His first world record was in the 100m in 2008 when he posted a time of 9.72 secs in New York. He lowered it to 9.69 secs at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing and then to 9.58 secs at the 2009 World Championships in Berlin. He holds the three fastest times ever run: 9.58, 9.64 and 9.69 seconds.

As an ambassador, Bolt will play a key role in promoting the event, starting with a cameo appearance in next week’s release of the event’s official anthem music video alongside iconic artists Sean Paul and Kes. The eight-time Olympic Gold Medallist will also attend T20 World Cup matches in the West Indies and be part of fan engagement events promoting the sport within the United States.

Usain Bolt expressed his excitement about his new role, saying: “I am thrilled to be an ambassador for the upcoming ICC Men’s T20 World Cup. Coming from the Caribbean where cricket is a part of life, the sport has always held a special place in my heart, and I look forward to attending West Indies matches at the World Cup and making a contribution to the growth of cricket globally.

“While I will of course be supporting West Indies at the World Cup, getting the sport into the US is big for cricket. It’s the biggest sports market in the world and the energy that we will bring for the T20 World Cup is a huge opportunity leading towards cricket’s inclusion in the LA Olympics in 2028.”

ICC Chief Executive Officer, Geoff Allardice said: “Usain Bolt is a global icon, we are thrilled to have him on board as an Ambassador for the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 to engage with a new generation of fans. His passion for cricket is well known, making him the perfect fit for this role. Alongside his world record breaking achievements and energetic personality, he will add another exciting element to the World Cup.”

The ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024 is set to be action packed with Bolt’s presence adding a new level of excitement for fans globally. Fans can look forward to seeing the world’s best teams battle it out for glory, with the World Cup opening match seeing co-host USA taking on Canada at the Grand Prairie Cricket Stadium in Dallas, Texas on Saturday 1 June. For full match fixtures and tickets, including hospitality packages in both the West Indies and USA, visit tickets.t20worldcup.com

West Indies Men’s A Team Announced For Historic Nepal Tour

St. John’s, Antigua - Cricket West Indies (CWI) Men’s Selection Panel has unveiled the 15-member squad for the West Indies Men’s A Team set to tour Nepal from April 25th to May 15th, 2024.

Led by the experienced Roston Chase as Captain and supported by Alick Athanaze as Vice-Captain, the West Indies Men’s A Team will engage in a series of five (5) Twenty20 matches against the Nepal Senior Men’s Team. This tour holds significant importance as it serves as another phase in preparation leading up to the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2024. The series also marks a historic occasion as it is West Indies’ first-ever tour to Nepal.

Roston Chase will take on the responsibility of captain for the first time at this level. Commenting on Chase’s selection as Captain, Dr. The Most Honorable Desmond Haynes, CWI’s Lead Selector, emphasized Chase’s consistent display of diligence and leadership skills. Dr. Haynes remarked, “Chase has exhibited over the past few years an impressive work ethic and proven leadership qualities.” He further noted, “No doubt since Chase made his T20I debut in October 2021, for the West Indies against Bangladesh he has continued to make considerable strides.”

Dr. Haynes further emphasized the significance of this squad stating “I am confident this Nepal tour marks a crucial step forward in our preparatory phase for the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup. It presents an invaluable opportunity to get our players who are not in the IPL back on the park playing competitive T20 cricket as well as provides the chance for us to expose a few emerging prospects.”

In preparation for the ICC Men’s T20 World Cup, White Ball Head Coach, Daren Sammy said “From a coaching perspective, the Nepal tour couldn’t have come at a more opportune time. It offers us a chance to refine our World Cup squad, defining roles and personnel more clearly. Additionally, with nine players in the IPL, we can truly gauge and push the limits of our T20 team’s depth.”

The tour’s opening T20 fixture will bowl off at Tribhuvan University on April 27th, 2024.

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FULL SQUAD:

Roston Chase (Captain)
Alick Athanaze (Vice-Captain)
Fabian Allen
Kadeem Alleyne
Joshua Bishop
Keacy Carty
Johnson Charles
Mark Deyal

Andre Fletcher
Matthew Forde
Obed McCoy
Gudakesh Motie
Keemo Paul
Oshane Thomas
Hayden Walsh

The coaching and support staff accompanying the squad are as follows:
Head Coach: Floyd Reifer
Assistant Coach: Rayon Griffith
Physiotherapist: Neil Barry
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Shayne Cooper
Team Manager & Analyst: Avenesh Seetaram

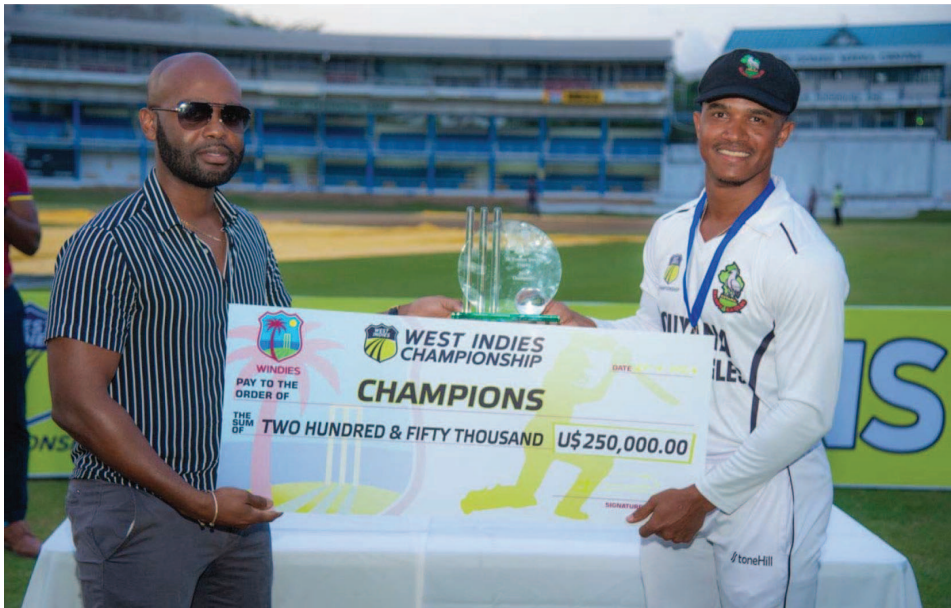
The deadline for submission of the West Indies World Cup squad is May 1, 2024. Prior to the World Cup, the West Indies team will host South Africa for a 3-match T20 series from May 22 - 26, 2024.

NOTE: Brandon King sustained an injury during the West Indies Championship and is rehabilitating. Meanwhile, Evin Lewis advised that he was unavailable for selection.



Guyana Harpy Eagles Triumph in West Indies Championship

ST. JOHN’S, Antigua - The Guyana Harpy Eagles have emerged triumphant once again, retaining their West Indies Championship title and collecting \$250,000 USD in a thrilling showcase of cricket prowess.

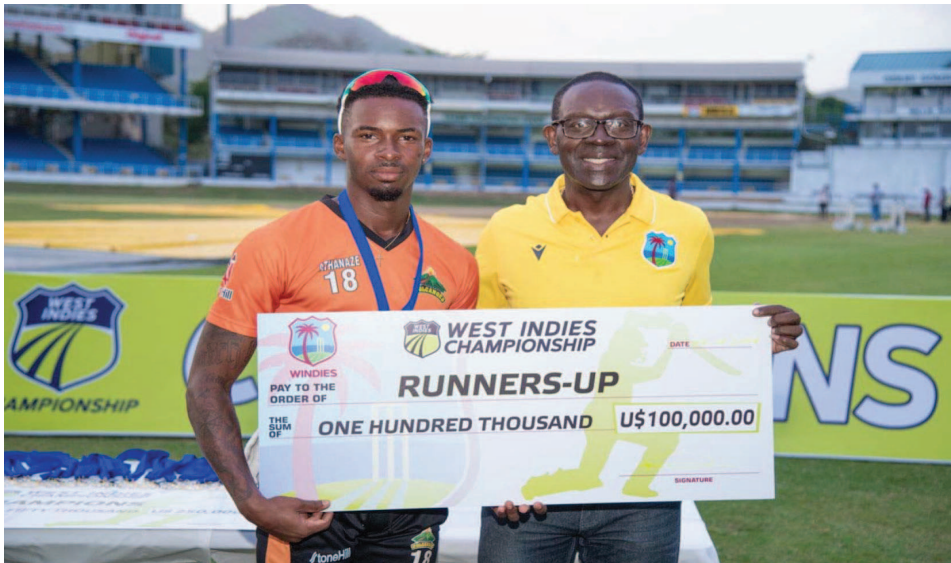


President Dr. Kishore Shallow presenting the \$250,000 USD champions cheque to Tevin Imlach.

President of Cricket West Indies, Dr. Kishore Shallow, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the team, emphasizing their remarkable consistency and dedication. He stated, “The Guyana Harpy Eagles have demonstrated immense skills, tactical astuteness, and resilience throughout the tournament, showcasing the true spirit of West Indies cricket.”

In a gripping finale to the championship, the Harpy Eagles secured a decisive eight-wicket victory over the Combined Campuses and Colleges, propelling them to the top of the table with 103.8 points. Their path to victory was charted by key performances from Raymond Perez’s, an unbeaten 79 runs, and skipper Tevin Imlach’s crucial half-century.

The championship culminated in a gripping showdown between the Leeward Islands Hurricane and the Windward Islands Volcanoes, resulting in a hard-fought draw that ultimately secured Guyana’s reign as champions for the seventh time in nine years.



CWI Director Enoch Lewis presenting the \$100,000 USD runners-up cheque to Alick Athanze.

Nadal will only play at French Open if he feels ‘capable to compete’



Rafael Nadal practices for the Madrid Open
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Rafael Nadal won the most recent of his 14 French Open titles in 2022

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Rafael Nadal says he will only play at the French Open next month if he feels “capable enough to compete”.

Spaniard Nadal, a 14-time champion at Roland Garros, missed the French Open for the first time in 19 years through injury in 2023.

The 37-year-old has indicated he plans to retire after the 2024 season.

He is set to make a farewell appearance at the Madrid Open this week and faces American 16-year-old Darwin Blanch in the first round on Thursday.

“If I was in Paris today, I wouldn’t go out to play,” Nadal said.

“I don’t think I’ll be able to play at 100% but it’s important to be able to play for the last time in Madrid. It means a lot to me to play on this court where I’ve had some great moments.”

Nadal made his most recent comeback from

injury following a three-month absence at the Barcelona Open last week, winning his opening match before losing to Australian Alex de Minaur.

The 22-time major winner has only played five matches since January 2023 because of hip and abdominal injuries. A former world number one, he is currently ranked 644th.

The French Open, the second Grand Slam tournament of the year, starts on 26 May.

“Few weeks [ago], I didn’t know if I will be able to play again on the professional tour. It’s not perfect but at least I am playing and I can enjoy again, especially in the tournaments that are so emotional for me. I’m able to enjoy the fun that I can say probably goodbye on court,” Nadal said.

He added: “Without trying to confuse anyone, I don’t know what’s going to happen in the next three weeks.

“I’m going to do the things I have to do to be able to play in Paris. And if I can, I can and if I can’t, I can’t. I’m going to Paris if I feel like I’m good enough. I’m going to Paris if I feel capable enough to compete.”

Dr. Shallow lauded the collective efforts of all participating teams, stating, “The West Indies Championship is the pinnacle of regional cricket and serves as a testament to the rich legacy and tradition of cricket in our region. Therefore, it was only fitting that Cricket West Indies further invested in this level of cricket by increasing the financial winnings to incentivize players further and build interest across the region.”

As the cricketing community reflects on the tournament’s outcomes, Cricket West Indies remains committed to fostering excellence and nurturing talent at all levels. Dr. Shallow expressed optimism for the future of West Indies cricket, affirming, “The dedication and passion exhibited by our teams reaffirm cricket’s enduring significance and relevance, which we are confident will positively produce more desirable and sustained success at the international level.”

The conclusion of the West Indies Championship saw the following standings:

- Guyana Harpy Eagles - 103.8
- Windward Islands Volcanoes - 98.2
- Leeward Islands Hurricanes - 94.0
- Barbados Pride - 92.8
- TT Red Force - 92.0
- West Indies Academy - 71.6
- Jamaica Scorpions - 59.4
- Combined Campuses and Colleges - 30.2

Cricket West Indies extends its heartfelt thanks to all stakeholders who contributed to the tremendous success of the West Indies Championship 2024.