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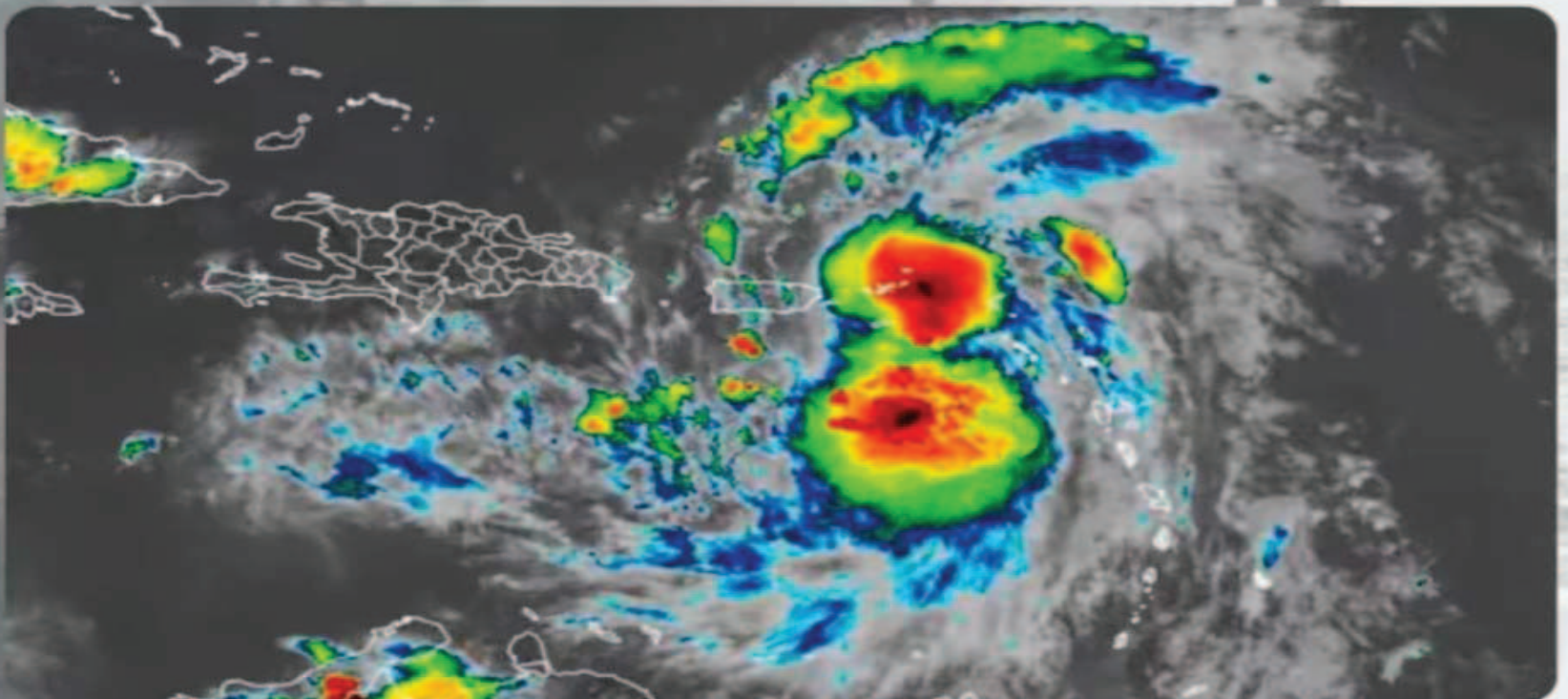
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**Tuesday, 13th August, 2024  
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## ADVISORY 3: TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO





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## Editorial

# Gratitude Over Criticism: A Lesson from Tropical Storm Ernesto

In the aftermath of Tropical Storm Ernesto- now officially a hurricane on its continued path, the level of criticism directed at the St. Kitts Electricity Company (SKELEC) has been a notable hot topic. It is understandable that we all depend on our utilities, especially during and after a storm, but the wave of complaints that emerged, even when SKELEC pointed to prioritizing the safety of its team, is a cause for reflection.

While some expressed dissatisfaction over power outages, it is important to recognize that these situations require a balance between service delivery and the safety of those working to restore it. The storm, although not as severe as a hurricane, still posed challenges. Some critics have suggested that SKELEC was ill-prepared, yet the reality is that even a tropical storm can disrupt power, especially when the safety of workers is rightly prioritized.

We must ask ourselves: Is it not better to be patient and grateful for the efforts made under difficult circumstances? When we compare our situation to the devastation seen in neighbouring islands during this

hurricane season, it becomes clear how fortunate we are. Most recently in the case of Ernesto, we were spared the major wrath of the storm, and instead of focusing on what has not gone perfectly, perhaps we should acknowledge what did.

There are those who might argue, "I'm paying for a service, so let me complain in peace." While it is true that we have the right to voice our concerns, we should also consider the broader context. Patience and understanding go a long way, especially in times of crisis.

Let us be thankful that we only faced a tropical storm, and not a full-blown hurricane, and that we have another opportunity to prepare better for future storms-whether that means fixing our roofs or just generally securing our properties.

In moments like these, gratitude can be a powerful tool. It reminds us to appreciate the efforts of those working to keep us safe and to recognize the blessings we enjoy, even amidst challenges.

Let us remember to be more grateful, more patient, and more understanding when we weather the storm.

Case Number :NEVHPB2024/0057



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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
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Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant should file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

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# Samuel Dismisses Social Media Victimization Reports

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Wednesday, 14th August 2024)** - National Disaster Coordinator Abdias Samuel has dismissed circulating social media reports alleging that he has been victimized by the government and sent on vacation.

Samuel addressed the “unwelcomed attention” and “distraction” on Tuesday, 13th August 2024, during an appearance on Freedom FM when quizzed about the topic by host interviewer Juni ‘Big JL’ Liburd, pushing away such spotlight made about him.

He was joined in the studio by Senior Meteorological Officer of the St. Kitts Met Office, Elmo Burke with discussion taking place just hours ahead of the passage of Tropical Storm Ernesto.

“Let me make it abundantly clear... I was not forced to resign... I was not victimized in any way shape or form so I don’t want to elaborate too much on this because it’s just distraction.”

Samuel shared that no pressure or victimization is involved.

“I do apologize to the general public for this distraction. I do apologize to my regional and international partners because I’ve been receiving significant calls [and] significant messages from a lot of regional and international partners thinking that I am being victimized. I said no. I was the one who tendered my resignation due to the fact that there is a particular policy in government that when you do 24 and 11 years, there is a maximum benefit that you can achieve.”

According to him: “...as of Monday, I am on vacation and I offered my services. I said, listen, I’m in country and if you need my expertise, I’m willing and available to provide support. This is my patriotic speaking. I’m not going to be in St. Kitts and not provide support to the agency, to the government, to the people in particular.”

He added: “I chose to take that particular route. I chose it. Regrettably, it came at a time where, well, I had no choice because the timing coincided with the hurricane season. So, Juni, that’s the whole situation. My offer of volunteerism was accepted. I am still the National Disaster Coordinator

until the 26th of September. So the reality is I still have a responsibility to the country.

Asked what happens after the 26th, he replied: “After the 26th, I will not be the National Disaster Coordinator by my choice—Let me make it abundantly clear... I was not forced to resign—I was not victimized in any way shape or form so I don’t want to elaborate too much on this because it’s just distraction.”

In addressing the ongoing situation, Samuel urged the public to focus on the well-being of the nation rather than the distractions surrounding his position.

“Let’s focus the attention. Abdias Samuel is the least of our human beings. Sorry to say so. No disrespect to anyone. The attention is the general public, the people. Let’s make sure that the people are cared for, and we have the mechanisms to be able to support the people in terms of this because one life lost is going to be one life too many for me; that’s my motto,” he expressed.

As the nation braced for Tropical Storm Ernesto, Samuel assured the public that he, along with his team, would continue to work diligently to keep everyone informed and safe.

“We’re going to continue to work. You’re going to be hearing me and Elmo on the radio waves. You’re going to be hearing us sending our voice overs... We’re going to be distributing info graphics until the system is out of the way. Once it’s safe, we’re going to be the first to say yes, it is safe for you to come out,” he concluded.

**Front Page Image: National Disaster Coordinator Abdias Samuel (Image credit-Cropped video Screenshot-from NEMA- for a public advisory about Tropical Storm Ernesto)**

# Ernesto Strengthens Into Hurricane Hours After SKN Passage

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday, 15th August 2024)** -Hours after leaving minimal damage in St. Kitts and Nevis following its passage on Tuesday 13th August 2024, Tropical Storm Ernesto intensified and was officially upgraded to a Category 1 hurricane the next day.

Of note, the storm warning was discontinued as of 8:00 PM on Tuesday as the all clear was

announced by the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA).

As of 5:00pm that day, the center of the storm was tracked at 104 miles northwest of the federation and was moving in a west north westerly position at about 18 miles per hour and had maximum sustained winds of 60 miles per hour. At that point the center continued to move away while it continued to strengthen with moderate to heavy showers.

The public was informed that conditions were expected to subside within hours as the storm continued to move away.

Reports from National Disaster Coordinator Abdias Samuel indicated that the storm caused minimal damage across the Federation.

The impact included downed trees, power lines, and significant damage to coastal areas due to high surf following the storm’s passage. There were also reports of some homes being damaged by fallen trees. As gathered, four individuals needing temporary

housing were taken to hurricane shelter in St. Kitts.

During its closest approach, Tropical Storm Ernesto passed approximately 28 miles south of St. Kitts and Nevis, bringing tropical storm-force winds between 40 to 50 miles per hour.

The storm’s impact led to power outages and disruptions in water supply services, sparking a wave of public criticism on social media directed at the St. Kitts Electricity Company (SKELEC).

In response, Samuel on Thursday 15th August applauded the hardworking SKELEC crew whilst urging the public to exercise patience and understanding as work continues in fully restoring services.

As Ernesto moved away from the twin-island nation, it continued to strengthen, moving in a northwestward direction impacting islands including the US Virgin Islands.

By Wednesday, 14th August, the storm had developed into a hurricane, with maximum sustained winds reaching 75 miles per hour while tracked moving in a northern direction of Puerto Rico.

According to the weather forecast, hurricane force winds are expected to impact the island of Bermuda between 4-7pm on Saturday 17th August.

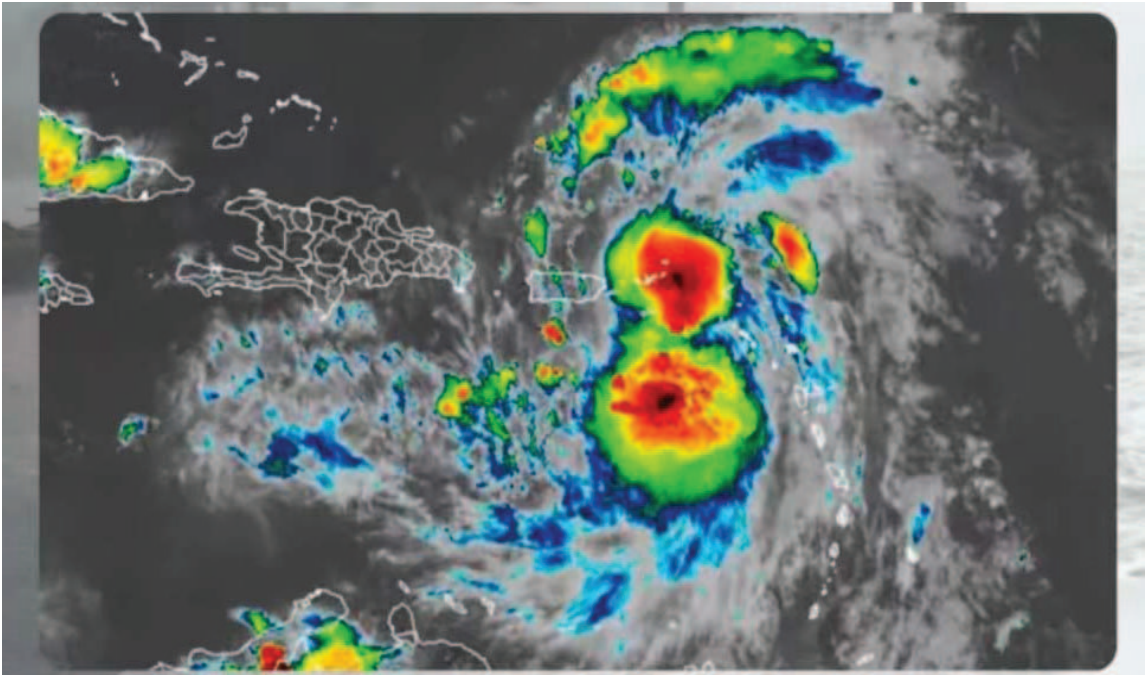
According to a report from a Bermuda news source Bernews.com, a hurricane warning was issued as of 6 p.m. on Thursday, 15th August as it continues on its path.

The forecast details for the island Bermuda are as follows:

- \* Tropical storm force winds (34+ knots) between 5-7pm Friday.
- \* Storm force winds (50+ knots) between 12-2am Saturday.
- \* Hurricane force winds (65+ knots) between 5-8am Saturday.
- \* The cessation of these impactful winds are as follows: Hurricane force winds (65+ knots) between 4-7pm Saturday. Storm force winds (50+ knots) between 8-11pm Saturday. Tropical storm force winds (34+ knots) between 5-7am Sunday

Additionally, the Bermuda Airport announced it would close at 8 p.m. on Friday, advising passengers to check with airlines for flight status updates.

**Images: In Advisory 3: Tropical Storm Ernesto concerning St.Kitts-Nevis, as of 5:00 PM on Tuesday 13th August 2024, the storm was reportedly moving away from the federation (credit: Facebook/NEMA-NationalEmergencyManagementAgency)**





# Astaphan Urges Global Action to Lessen Intensity Of Hurricanes By Earth Caring

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 15th August 2024)** - As the 2024 hurricane season progresses, former government minister and well-known social commentator Dwyer Astaphan is calling for greater global environmental responsibility to lessen the increasing frequency and intensity of hurricanes.

In his latest commentary of Wednesday 14th August 2024, Astaphan stressed the importance of environmental stewardship as a form of prevention, urging people to recognize the role that human activities play in worsening natural disasters.

“We’re still over 100 days left in the season. We’re just in the middle of August... haven’t even reached the peak, which is September. These storms are called acts of God, and they are, but

there is no question that human beings have been and are contributing to global warming through three of our greatest curses,” Astaphan stated.

He identified these curses as greed, ignorance, and selfishness, highlighting how they drive environmental degradation.

Astaphan warned that global warming is leading to more severe weather patterns, including more powerful hurricanes. “Global warming means that the polar ice caps will melt. Weather and climates will change. The elements of nature in which we live and other species live, thousands upon thousands of which have already been made extinct because of human interference, will be thrown into imbalance,” he explained.

He emphasized that warmer oceans act as “steroids for hurricanes,” leading to an increase in the number and severity of these natural disasters. He lamented the fact that, despite being the most intelligent creatures on the planet,

humans are also the most destructive. “We are too greedy, too selfish, too ignorant, and too foolish,” he remarked.

Astaphan also pointed to the historical impact of the Industrial Revolution, noting that while it brought economic progress, it also set the stage for large-scale environmental damage.

“The bulk of the blame for global warming, at least from the human perspective, must go to countries and societies whose powerful players, aided and abetted by controlled and corrupt leaders, began in a major way to pollute the land, sea, and air of the planet when the Industrial Revolution started about 250 years ago,” he noted.

He urged residents of St. Kitts and Nevis, and people worldwide, to engage in better environmental practices, not just for themselves, but for future generations.

“Are we prepared for the rest of 2024 and beyond? While it is good

to be prepared for the hurricane, you have your medication, your water and so forth. It is even better to engage in prevention in the form of good environmental practices. We have to do our share of the work, small as we are on the planet, because everybody has to do his or her part, whether you’re small or large. All of us have a responsibility to leave a better place for our children than the one we found from our fathers and mothers,” Astaphan expressed, stressing the importance of collective action to preserve the planet.

**Front Page Image: Former government minister and well-known social commentator Dwyer Astaphan**



**National Caribbean Insurance Company Limited**  
having made sworn deposition that policy number **53481 on the life of Jacinth Maynard has been lost** and having made application to the directors to grant a special policy, notice is hereby given that unless objection is raised within one month of the date hereof, the special policy asked for will be issued.

**Dated: 26/7/2024**  
  
By Order,  
  
**Diana Williams-Humphrey**  
General Manager

## St. Kitts to Host the 2024 ECVA U21 Beach Volleyball Championships

**Basseterre, St. Kitts** - St. Kitts will welcome the region’s top junior beach volleyball talent as it hosts the 2024 Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association (ECVA) U21 Beach Volleyball Championships from August 30 to September 1 at the Marriott Beach. This high-profile event will bring together 13 teams from 11 countries, all vying for a coveted spot in the FIVB Beach Volleyball U21 World Championships, scheduled to be held in Georgia in July 2025.

For the second consecutive year, St. Kitts and Nevis has been selected as the host nation for this prestigious tournament. The event’s expansion, with an additional country participating this year, highlights the growing importance of beach volleyball across the Eastern Caribbean and ECVA’s ongoing efforts to foster youth athletic development.

As the host nation, St. Kitts and Nevis will proudly field three male and three female teams, benefiting from the privilege extended to the host country. These teams represent the nation’s commitment to providing its young athletes with opportunities to compete at an elite level while developing both their athletic and personal growth.

“We are excited to once again host this remarkable event and to offer our young athletes a platform to showcase and further develop their skills,” said ECVA President Glenn Quinlan. “We are confident that this experience will contribute not only to their sporting prowess but also to their overall growth as individuals.”

Countries set to compete include Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St. Lucia, Grenada, the British Virgin Islands, St. Eustatius, Saba, Bermuda, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Anguilla, and host St. Kitts and Nevis.

The event is made possible through the strong support of key partners, including the St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla National Bank, the FIVB, NORCECA, and Olympic Solidarity via the St. Kitts and Nevis Olympic Committee (SKNOC). These organizations have collaborated closely to ensure the success of this event, which promises to showcase the best of junior beach volleyball in the Eastern Caribbean.

Case Number :NEVHCV2024/0076

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REGISTRY OF TITLES

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SCHEDULE OF APPLICATION

for Certificate of Title, and notings thereon, and caveats, for the week ending  
the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024

| DATE OF REQUEST             | PERSON PRESENTING                                                                         | NATURE OF REQUEST                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024 | Conrad Brookes by his Solicitors, Nisbetts of Chambers, Chapel Street, Charlestown, Nevis | Certificate of Title to be issued in respect of 31,255 square feet (0.7170 acre) of land situate at Hanley's Estate in the Parish of Saint George in the Island of Nevis |

The said land being bounded as follows:- On the North East by lands of Eric Tyrell, 184.88 feet; On the South East by lands of Denise Mayers, 170.59 feet; On the South West partly by a 16 foot right of way and by lands of Denise Mayers, 184.88 feet and On the North West by lands of Denise Maters, 170.59 feet and by the Estate of Frank Maloney and a Road 124.05 feet and containing by admeasurement 31,255 square feet or (0.7170 acre)

Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024

Asst Registrar of Titles

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court  
High Court of Justice



# Autopsy: Uncle, Nephew Die From Head Gunshots

By: Spokesman Newsroom

**BASSETERRE, St. Kitts (Thursday 15th August 2024)**- Autopsies have confirmed that the recent deaths of 30-year-old Devon Parris and his 9-year-old nephew, J'Marni Smithen, were due to severe cranioencephalic trauma caused by gunshot wounds to the head.

The police public relations department has informed that post-mortem examinations were conducted on August 12, 2024, at the JNF Hospital Mortuary by resident pathologists Dr. Adrian Nunez and Dr. Naudica Philip.

The tragic discovery of the bodies was made on Friday, August 2, near Newton Ground Bay, St. Kitts.

The Royal St. Christopher and Nevis Police Force responded after a concerned citizen reported seeing a suspicious vehicle in the area. Upon arrival, officers found the bodies of Parris, of Stoney Grove, Nevis, and Smithen, of Craddock Road, Nevis, inside a red Honda Fit, registration number R 66. Both were found lying face down with apparent gunshot wounds to their heads.

Preliminary investigations reveal that Parris and Smithen had left a relative's home on the afternoon of Thursday, August 1, intending to attend a birthday party at Caribbean Cinemas.

When they failed to arrive at their destination and repeated calls to Parris's phone went unanswered, concerns grew among family members. The next morning, their lifeless bodies were discovered inside the vehicle, which had been partially concealed in some bushes facing south near the sea in Newton Ground.

District Medical Officer Dr. Medrano arrived at the scene and pronounced the two deceased at approximately 11:10 AM. Crime Scene Personnel were also on hand to process the area and collect items of evidential value.

The police have again extended its condolences to the families affected by this tragic incident with assurance given to The public that the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with relevant information is encouraged to contact the Violent Crime Unit at 662-3468 or the crime hotline at 707.

This double tragedy has shaken the St.Kitts-Nevis community.

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**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

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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 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.**

**Tenderers or their representatives are invited to the Tender  
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### **Eligibility**

**It is mandatory that Tenderers be locally registered in the  
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**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ST KITTS**





# Preliminary reports indicate minimal disruption of utilities, no major damage on Nevis due to TS Ernesto

**NIA CHARLESTOWN NEVIS (August 14, 2024)** - The Honourable Premier Mark Brantley has expressed gratitude that the island of Nevis was spared any major damage or disruption to utility services during the passage of Tropical Storm Ernesto on Tuesday, August 13.

“Now that Tropical Storm Ernesto has passed we are assessing the damage and thus far reports are that we’ve had some minimal damage such as fallen trees, persons suffering minor property damage; certainly no deaths and no bodily injuries, so I believe we should be truly grateful to God for sparing us the worst yet again.”

The Premier thanked the “hard-working public servants” who ensured that the island was in a state of readiness and who braved storm conditions to make certain that services were restored where there were outages.



Premier of Nevis the Honourable Mark Brantley expresses gratitude that Nevis weathered TS Ernesto with minimal damage

Premier Brantley credited the island’s resilient infrastructure and competency of the various agencies and departments for Nevis weathering the storm as well as it did.

“I think our response shows our resilience and certainly the resilience of the infrastructure thus far and so we hope to continue to build better as we move forward, knowing that we are in a region that is high risk for storms of this nature. I think preparedness is critical if we are to weather the worst of these occurrences.”

Following the All Clear alert from disaster officials crews from the Nevis Electricity Company (NEVLEC), Public Works and Communication, Water Department, and Fire and Rescue have been patrolling Nevis to ensure the road network is clear and that any issues with respect to faults in utility services are swiftly rectified.



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“I take a moment to congratulate our public services - the Water Department especially- they stayed on throughout the storm. NEVLEC had some interruptions but those were solved quickly. Power for most of the island stayed on and for the parts that were affected NEVLEC was able to report as early as last evening that 99 percent of the island was restored to power,” he said, also extending commendation to the Solid Waste Management workers who were out ensuring garbage was collected on time during the bad weather.

He also thanked the private sector for giving their employees the opportunity to attend to their own family and personal storm preparations.

# SKELEC Continues Restoration Efforts Across Multiple Areas

**Basseterre, St. Kitts (August 15th, 2024)** - The St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd. is currently working to restore power in several areas across the island, including Sandy Point Feeder, Cayon Feeder, Basseterre North Feeder, Basseterre South Feeder, Industrial Site Feeder, and Frigate Bay Feeder.

We understand the significant inconvenience these storm-related outages have caused and sincerely apologize. Our dedicated teams are on the ground, working to restore power as quickly and safely as possible.

We deeply appreciate your unwavering patience and understanding as we continue our restoration efforts. We are committed to ensuring that all affected areas receive power.

Your safety remains our top priority, and we thank you for standing with us as we work to bring everyone back online.

For more SKELEC updates please visit our Facebook page: SKELEC- St. Kitts Electricity Company Ltd or log on to [www.skelec.kn](http://www.skelec.kn).

**EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT**  
**SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS**  
**SAINT CHRISTOPHER CIRCUIT**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

**APPLICATION NO. SKBHCV 2013/0006**

**BETWEEN:**  
**TDC FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY LIMITED,** (formerly known as St Kitts-Nevis Finance Company Limited)  
**and**  
**THE ESTATE OF SYDNEY MORRIS**

**NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION**

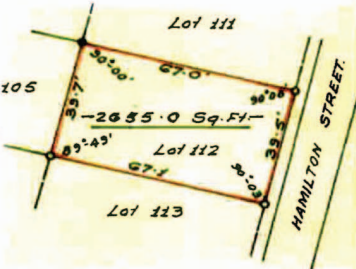
The Property described below will be offered for sale by the Registrar of the High Court, St Kitts Circuit by **PUBLIC AUCTION** at the High Court of Justice, Basseterre, St Kitts

on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024

at 2:45 o'clock in the afternoon.

ALL THAT lot piece or parcel of land situate at Cayon Housing Project, in the Parish of St. Mary, in the Island of Saint Chrstopher, being Lot No. 112 and containing by admeasurement 2,655.0 square feet, and bounded and measuring as follows, that is to say:- On the North by Lot No. 111, 67.0 feet; On the East by Hamilton Street, 39.5 feet, On the South by Lot No. 113, 67.1 feet and On the West by Lot No. 105, 39.7 feet; all as the same is described in a Certificate of Title dated September 12, 1974 and registered in Book Z1 Folio 130 of the Register of Titles of the Island of Saint Christopher.

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Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024

BY THE COURT





# Statement by Dr. Terrance M Drew, National Political Leader of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour On the Second Anniversary of the SKNLP's National Election Victory on August 5, 2022

## My fellow Comrades and well-wishers of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party,

As we gather to commemorate the second anniversary of our historic victory on August 5, 2022, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the steadfast support and dedication of each one of you. This celebration is not just a reminder of our triumph at the polls, but a testament to our collective commitment to building a brighter future for St. Kitts and Nevis for striving for better with the St Kitts Nevis Labour Party at the helm.

Today, however, we also gather with a heavy heart. Our beloved comrade, Honourable Glen 'Ghost' Phillip, a former Minister of Government and the Parliamentary Representative for St Christopher #4, has passed away. Honourable Phillip, affectionately known as 'Ghost,' was a pillar of strength and a beacon of hope for our community. His dedication to the development of sports, particularly basketball, and his relentless efforts to uplift the youth of our nation will forever be etched in our memories.

Honourable Phillip's tenure as Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports, Information Technology, Telecommunications, and Posts was marked by passion and vision. He played a crucial role in advancing sports infrastructure and youth programs, fostering a spirit of unity and excellence. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched and the numerous initiatives he championed. As we remember him, let us be inspired by his commitment to service and his love for our nation.

Reflecting on our journey over the past two years, we have much to celebrate. Our administration has implemented numerous transformative initiatives under the Independence RESET programme, designed to bring relief and stimulate economic growth. Among these, the Independence 40 Workers Bonus of EC\$1000 injected EC\$45 million into our economy, directly benefiting our hardworking citizens. We have also addressed arrears in essential services, ensuring immediate reconnection for residential SKELEC



and Water Services customers, and eliminated penalties on National Housing Corporation mortgages. A critical RESET was for the interest payments on outstanding land balances. These were reset to zero and appropriate extensions provided for payment instalments.

Our efforts to make homeownership more accessible through the Build and Thrive Incentive, which offers duty-free and reduced VAT on building materials for first-time homeowners and renovators, have been instrumental in supporting our citizens. Furthermore, we have lowered interest rates on residential lands and provided generous waivers to ease the financial burden on new landowners.

In addition to these economic measures, we demonstrated our commitment to public service workers with an 8% salary increase for all civil servants and pensioners, effective January 2024, and a 50% Christmas bonus in 2023. We have also increased the national minimum wage to \$430 weekly, ensuring a fairer living standard for all workers.

A landmark achievement of our administration is the operationalization of pensions for Government Auxiliary Employees (GAEs) and other monthly-paid government workers employed on or after May 18, 2012. Today, qualified, retired GAEs receive their pension payments, inclusive of back payments to January 2024. This initiative underscores our dedication to recognizing and rewarding the contributions of all workers, especially those who have been historically overlooked.

In healthcare, we have made significant strides, including the deployment of four new triage officers at the JNF General Hospital, reducing wait times by 40%. We installed new air conditioning units in the medical and surgical wards, restored the hospital's roof with support from the Republic of China (Taiwan), and upgraded the water system. The renovation of the hospital lobby, funded by The Cable, and the commencement of construction on the MRI Building are critical steps towards enhancing our healthcare services. Our vision for a climate-smart JNF General Hospital and the transformative Project Start to establish our nation's first health city are also progressing well.

Social security benefits have been improved, with an increase in the pension to

\$500 and the funeral grant benefit to \$3000. Our partnership with Southern University in Louisiana is already yielding significant benefits in higher education and agriculture for our students.

We have passed over 20 critical pieces of legislation to improve the lives of our people, discovered a new well providing potable water in Cayon, and commenced construction of two new desalination plants to ensure a sustainable water supply.

Our economy is thriving, with the private sector publishing record numbers of job openings. I encourage all Party members to seize these opportunities and support their loved ones, especially young adults, in seeking out these jobs to improve their lives.

However, we are also mindful of the recent upsurge in violent crimes. Our government is committed to using all necessary resources to combat this scourge, and we ask for the Party and the public's assistance in this fight. It requires an all-hands-on-deck, all-inclusive approach.

As we look forward to the third year of our administration, we pledge to start the construction of smart homes, commence construction of a new, modern Basseterre High School, complete the MRI Building at JNF General Hospital, and roll out our renewable energy projects. We will continue to add new water sources through desalination and wells, ensuring a sustainable future for our nation.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my fellow Cabinet colleagues and the stellar support, love, and dedication of the St. Kitts-Nevis Labour Party Comrades. Your excellent support and guidance have been instrumental in our achievements. Let us continue to stand united, stick with our Party, and provide our leaders with sound advice as we strive to create a brighter future for all.

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# Woman switches to Miss Universe Nigeria after Miss South Africa row

BBC Africa

Chidimma Adetshina, the pageant hopeful who was forced to withdraw from Miss South Africa due to a nationality row, has accepted an invitation to participate in Miss Universe Nigeria.

"I'm looking forward to participating in Africa's most prestigious beauty pageant," the 23-year-old said in a video posted to her Instagram account with a beaming smile on her face.

Ms Adetshina contested in this year's Miss South Africa but pulled out after she found herself the target of a xenophobic backlash.

Despite being a South African citizen, people questioned her eligibility because her father is Nigerian and her mother has Mozambican roots.

The Home Affairs department investigated her at the behest of the Miss South Africa organisers and said Ms Adetshina's mother may have committed "identity fraud" to get South African nationality.

After this, Ms Adetshina made the "difficult decision" to leave the competition for her family's safety and well-being last Thursday.

Following that, Miss Universe Nigeria extended an invitation and asked Ms Adetshina to compete as they said her "journey in the world of pageantry is far from over".

It added that Ms Adetshina would be able to "represent her father's native land on the international stage".

It is unclear if Ms Adetshina has Nigerian nationality.

The winner of Miss Universe Nigeria will represent the country at the prestigious Miss Universe competition.

South Africa's Home Affairs department is still conducting further investigations with the aim of pressing criminal charges, while also obtaining legal advice "on the implications of the alleged fraudulent activity on

Adetshina's citizenship status".

The Miss South Africa competition took place last Saturday. Mia le Roux won the pageant becoming the first deaf woman in history to clinch the crown.

If Miss Adetshina wins Miss Universe Nigeria, she will face off against Miss Le Roux at Miss Universe in November.

Chidimma Adetshina, the pageant hopeful who was forced to withdraw from Miss South Africa



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# WHO declares mpox global health emergency

**James Gallagher**

Health and science correspondent

**Simi Jolaoso**

Africa correspondent



Reuters A young girl with mpox lesions on her arms and legs during an outbreak in DR Congo in 2022 Reuters

Hundreds of people have been killed by the current mpox outbreak

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the mpox outbreak in parts of Africa a public health emergency of international concern.

The highly contagious disease - formerly known as monkeypox - has killed at least 450 people during an initial outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

It has now spread across parts of central and east Africa, and scientists are concerned about how fast a new variant of the disease is spreading and its high fatality rate.

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the potential for further spread within Africa and beyond "is very worrying".

"A co-ordinated international response is essential to stop this outbreak

and save lives," he said.

Mpox is transmitted through close contact, such as sex, skin-to-skin contact and talking or breathing close to another person.

It causes flu-like symptoms, skin lesions and can be fatal, with four in 100 cases leading to death.

Outbreaks can be controlled by preventing infections with vaccines, though these are usually only available for people at risk or those who have been in close contact with an infected person.

There are two main types of mpox - Clade 1 and Clade 2.

A previous mpox public health emergency, declared in 2022, was caused by the relatively mild Clade 2. However, this time it is the far more deadly Clade 1 - which has killed up to 10% of those getting sick in previous outbreaks - that is surging.

There was a change in the virus around September last year. Mutations led to an offshoot - called Clade 1b - that has since spread rapidly. This new variant has been labelled "the most dangerous yet" by one scientist.

Since the start of the year, there have been more than 13,700 cases of mpox in the DR Congo, with at least 450 deaths.

It has since been detected in other African countries - including Burundi, the Central African Republic, Kenya and Rwanda.

It is hoped the declaration of mpox as a public health emergency will lead to research, funding, and the introduction of other international public health measures being accelerated.

Dr Josie Golding, from the Wellcome Trust, said it was a "strong signal", while Emory University's Dr Boghuma Titanji said the move "underscores the gravity of the crisis".

Prof Trudie Lang, the director of the Global Health Network at the University of Oxford, said it was "important and timely", but added that the emergence of a new strain meant there were "many unknowns that need to be addressed".

In July 2022 the milder Clade 2 strain of mpox spread to nearly 100 countries, including some in Europe and Asia.

It spread rapidly, and there were more than 87,000 cases and 140 deaths reported during that outbreak, according to a WHO count.

Although anyone can catch monkeypox, the outbreak was largely concentrated among men who had sex with men.

That outbreak was brought under control by vaccinating vulnerable groups.

On Tuesday, scientists from the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention declared a public health emergency.

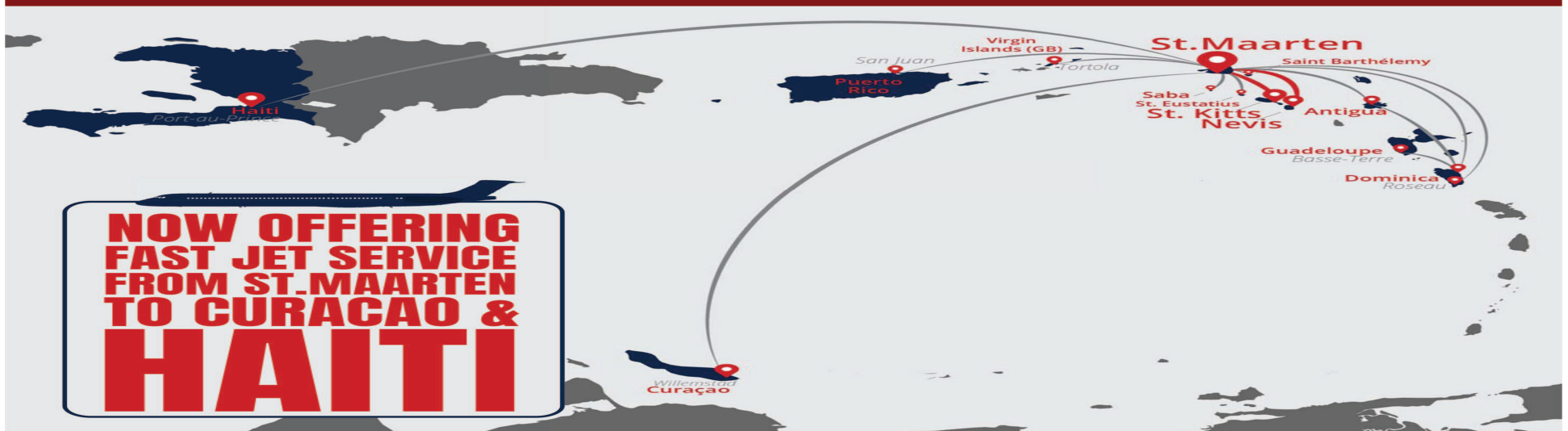
The head of the organisation, Jean Kaseya, warned that this current outbreak could spiral out of control if immediate steps were not taken to contain it.

"We must be proactive and aggressive in our efforts to contain and eliminate this threat," he said.

*Additional reporting by Alex Smith*

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# Uproar forces Kenyan city to remove athlete statues

Basillioh Rukanga  
BBC News, Nairobi



Cyrus Sholim A statue of an athlete in Kenyan city of Eldoret  
The authorities have not said who the statues are supposed to represent

Authorities in the Kenyan city of Eldoret have removed the statues of three athletes after they were widely ridiculed and described as “embarrassing” and a poorly done “joke”.

The statues were unveiled ahead of Thursday’s ceremony giving Eldoret city status.

However, local residents and Kenyans online said they bore little resemblance to the athletes they allegedly represent.

Eldoret is known as the “home of champions”, as it is at the centre of the Rift Valley, where most of Kenya’s world-beating

athletes come from.

The statues were removed overnight before President William Ruto officially designated Eldoret a city.

The town this week unveiled several artistic works, including three statues of athletes and other monuments such as a

maize cob and a milk fountain.

They were supposed to represent the area’s sports and agricultural heritage and were erected at various strategic roundabouts in the town.

But the artworks immediately drew widespread criticism, becoming objects of ridicule rather than the pride they were supposed to elicit.

A Kenyan who shared a photo of a statue of a female athlete suspected to represent 1,500m world-record holder Faith Kipyegon, said the works represented “our collective mediocrity as a country”.

“It’s a disgrace calling it a Faith Kipyegon statue,” another Kenyan on X said.

Yet another X user shared a purported statue of marathon legend Eliud Kipchoge terming it a “joke”, saying “whoever did this will not see heaven”.

On Thursday morning, local media shared images of an empty pedestal where one of the statues had stood.

A local reporter told the BBC that county officials removed the three statues on Wednesday night, two representing female athletes and one of a male, taking them to an unknown location.

The authorities have not indicated who they represent but social media users have described one as a statue of Kipyegon and another of Kipchoge.

But their depiction of the athletes has been described as “shameless”, “embarrassing” and “substandard”.

Kenyans online have been welcoming the removal of the statues. It was not clear whether they would be replaced, or when.

Ahead of the ceremony to declare Eldoret Kenya’s fifth city, President Ruto hosted athletes who won medals at the 2024 Olympics.

They were each rewarded with money in accordance with a government scheme meant to motivate athletes for good performance.

Kenya was the highest-ranked African country at the Paris Olympics, coming 17th on the medal table with four golds and a total of 11 medals.

Kipyegon won the 1,500m title in a new Olympic record of 3min 51.29sec, the first woman to win three consecutive golds in the event.

She also took silver in the 5,000m.

However, Kipchoge did not finish the marathon after a back injury forced him to drop out.



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# As you head back to the office, Zoom promises it's still relevant

Alex Christian



BBC A collage of Zoom chief product officer Smita Hashim (Credit: BBC)BBC

**Zoom chief product officer Smita Hashim explains why even video-chat innovators need the physical space - with a little help from AI.**

For many, Zoom rose to prominence during the pandemic era of working at home in pyjamas. Schools held virtual classes on the platform during lockdowns and friends gathered there when they couldn't meet in person. There were even Zoom weddings and funerals. It was so ubiquitous during lockdown that "Zoom" entered the lexicon as a catch-all term for virtual calls, joining companies like Kleenex or Band-Aid whose names symbolise a single product. With offices shut, demand reportedly surged from 10 million daily meeting participants to 200 million in March 2020. Zoom's market valuation peaked at approximately \$161.65bn (125bn) in October 2020.

But as lockdowns lifted, that sky-high stock price was followed with an equally spectacular crash. Today, the San Jose-headquartered company is hovering closer to its pre-pandemic valuation at around \$17bn (£13bn). Like so many technology companies, Zoom issued layoffs in February 2023, axing 15% of jobs. Soon after, CEO Eric Yuan made a surprising announcement: the company that helped millions of people work from home wanted their own employees back to the office in person. Changing predictions about the future of work prompted a rethink: now, Zoom wants to be known for more than "Zoom calls".

**We wanted to be able to test our products. We can only do so if we're in the conference room, too - Smita Hashim**

In August 2023, the company announced that workers living within 50 miles (80.5km) of a Zoom office must work in person at least twice a week. Yuan stressed the importance of in-office collaboration for fostering innovation and building employee trust. Zoom also shifted its product focus towards the physical workplace. Its hybrid mandate coincided with the opening of a modern, new London office for its 200-plus UK employees - an "Engagement Hub" featuring 75 work points across library-style benches, agile tables and hot desks bookable through Zoom's reservation tool. The company has tried to market the office as "the blueprint" for a modern workplace. A neighbouring "Experience Centre" that showcases its technology includes a "boardroom of the future", featuring cameras controlled by artificial intelligence (AI) and floor-to-ceiling curved-screen displays.

"If our customers use the office, we do too," says Smita Hashim, who joined Zoom as chief product officer in January 2023, just before the company's restructuring. "It means we can make our products even better." The India-born, California-based industry veteran had previously led product teams at video collaboration platforms Microsoft Teams and Google Meet. But her work for Zoom often encompasses the built environment. After all, the company's headline-making return to the office (it was a largely in-person company before Covid-19) wasn't just for better brainstorming sessions - Hashim says it also makes business sense.



Zoom's new London office features an "Experience Centre" that it claims is a blueprint for modern workplaces (Credit: Zoom)

Zoom's new workplace focus extends across hardware and software. Both incorporate AI. For example, its Intelligent Director product leverages algorithmically-selected views of in-person meeting participants, so virtual colleagues see them in a Zoom gallery view - although it does require high-definition cameras that are sold separately. And, following the likes of Microsoft Copilot and Google's Gemini, Zoom has released its own always-on automated assistant for work - an AI Companion that uses generative AI to provide meeting summaries, message drafts and meeting room recommendations.

According to the company, this means Zoom's business is about far more than video-call. It wants to be regarded as a workplace company - and known for Zoom Workplace, its suite of collaborative tools.

Here, Hashim talks to the BBC - via Zoom, of course - about the company's transition to the workplace, the evolving role of the physical office and the future of AI at work.

**Zoom is synonymous with video calls and working from home. Yet you're now focused on in-person work. Why?**

The physical setup is very important to customers - and therefore to Zoom, too. The future of work is flexible: 65% of our employees don't live near an office and work remotely. But teams still want to come in and collaborate seamlessly. Alongside human connection, we wanted to be able to test our products. We can only do so if we're in the conference room, too.

**Why is the physical workplace so important for Zoom, given those working from home often use Zoom to chat to colleagues all day?**

Because we're human. When we meet each other face-to-face, some creative work, brainstorming and decision making becomes easier. We may now have generative AI writing up meeting notes and online whiteboards, but there's still something really engaging physically going over and writing something down as colleagues gather. Some in-person time is energising - that's why we want to offer the opportunity for all our employees to do it, that's why see our customers also doing it.



Smita Hashim, Zoom's chief product officer, believes face-to-face working can offer some creative and decision-making opportunities that virtual meetings cannot (Credit: Zoom)



# US strikes deal to cut cost of 10 drugs for Medicare users

Nadine Yousif & Ana Faguy in Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
BBC News

President Joe Biden has said he wants to stop handing drug companies a “blank cheque”, after the government announced a deal to significantly cut the cost of 10 common prescription drugs for millions of Americans.



Getty Images In this photo illustration, Farxiga, Xarelto, Entresto, and Eliquis are made available to customers at the New City Halsted Pharmacy on August 29, 2023 in Chicago, Illinois. Getty Images The 10 prescription drugs include those used to treat blood clots, heart failure and diabetes

The price cuts of between 38% to 79% will come into effect in 2026, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) said.

They will apply to people enrolled in the Medicare programme, which provides health coverage for Americans aged 65 and over.

The new policy is expected to cover about nine million people who use at least one of the drugs, the Department of Health said.

At an event in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, Thursday President Joe Biden said he no longer wanted to hand big pharma a blank cheque and described the deal as a “relief for the millions of seniors that take these drugs to treat everything from heart failure, blood clots, diabetes, arthritis, Crohn’s disease, and more”.

He said that the changes were part of the Inflation Reduction Act, passed by Democrats in 2022 thanks to a tie-breaker vote by Vice-President Kamala Harris, which allows Medicare to negotiate drug prices directly with manufacturers.

The public announcement of lower prescription price costs marked the first joint public appearance for Ms Harris and Mr Biden since he stepped out of the race last month.

Xavier Becerra, the secretary of the US Department of Health, said that the deal represented the first direct negotiation between Medicare and drug companies.

“The American people are better off for it,” Mr Becerra said.

The US Department of Health estimated that the policy would save Medicare around \$6bn (£4.7bn) if it was enacted today, based on last year’s drug prices.

In a hypothetical example provided by the department, a person enrolled in Medicare using the Crohn’s disease treatment drug Stelara, part of the 10 negotiated prescription drugs, would see their bill reduced from \$3,400 to \$1,100 for a 30-day supply.

Medicare is a national health insurance programme funded by the US government. It helps subsidise healthcare services for anyone aged 65 or older, as well as younger people with certain disabilities.

For prescription drugs, patients pay some out-of-pocket fees while Medicare helps cover part of the cost.

The Biden administration said the new discounts will



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# US strikes deal to cut cost of 10 drugs for Medicare users

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save \$1.5bn in out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications in 2026.

Last year Tina Romney, 56, told the BBC that her husband last year faced a \$800 per

prescription bill for Entresto, one of the drugs the Biden-Harris administration has lowered.

Knowing the costs were being reduced were a "relief", she said. "I got a few years to get there [Medicare coverage], but now I know I don't have to

worry about the cost when I do."

Drugs covered include the widely used diabetes treatments Januvia and Jardiance, blood thinners Eliquis and Xarelto and leukaemia drug Imbruvica.

Junuvia faces the steepest price reduction, going from \$527 in 2023 to \$113 in 2026.



Woman stands in green sweater at Biden rally  
Linda Jones, 73, takes one of the prescriptions drugs that will be lowered by the deal

Linda Jones, 73, who takes Junuvia, said the announcement was a "big deal, when you get old you shouldn't have to live your life in fear".

Drug manufacturers, however, have cautioned that patients would still have to pay steep prices out-of-pocket.

Eliquis maker Bristol Myers Squibb said that the price cut to its drug will not solve the "biggest problem in patient affordability," which are out-of-pocket costs determined by health insurers.

Johnson & Johnson, the company that makes Stelara and Xarelto, also cautioned that patients will face higher costs in the end.

The pharmaceuticals industry has in the past fought efforts to block price negotiations with Medicare, and has sued the Biden administration over its plan to cut costs, arguing that it is unconstitutional.

That lawsuit was dismissed in February by a federal judge, however, marking a victory for President Biden.

The policy announcement comes as Ms Harris, the Democratic nominee for president, campaigns for the White House, at a time when the high cost of living and inflation is top of mind for Americans.

Healthcare makes up around 8% of Americans' spending, according to the Pew Research Center.

A study released February by the RAND Corporation, a California think tank, found that drug prices in the US are on average three to four times higher than in 33 other countries, including the UK and neighbouring Canada.



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### Proposed Construction of the South Frigate Bay Beach Enhancement Project (SFBEBEP)

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# India refuse to step in to host Women's T20 World Cup



Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah  
Image source, Getty Images  
Jay Shah has been BCCI secretary since 2019

Published BBC Sports  
15 August 2024,

India will not step in to host October's Women's T20 World Cup if it has to be moved from Bangladesh, says Indian cricket board (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah.

Bangladesh's former prime minister Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled to India earlier this month after weeks of deadly anti-government protests.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) says it is "closely monitoring developments" in the country, which is set to host the tournament from 3-20 October.

Shah said the ICC asked the BCCI about possibly hosting instead but he "flatly refused".

"We would still be in the monsoon season and next year we are going to host the Women's ODI World Cup," Shah told Times of India., external

"I do not want to give the impression that I want to hold consecutive World Cups."

More than 400 people were killed in Bangladesh during weeks of student-led demonstrations, which started as a protest against quotas in civil service jobs.

The ICC said it was working with the Bangladesh Cricket Board and independent security consultants to assess the situation.

The Women's T20 World Cup is set to feature 10 teams, including England and Scotland, with 23 matches taking place at venues in the capital Dhaka and Sylhet.

Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates are potential alternative hosts if the tournament has to be moved.



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# Johnny Grave's tenure as CWI Chief Executive Officer set to end

**ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA**  
- Cricket West Indies (CWI) announces that Johnny Grave will be concluding his tenure as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), a position he has held since February 2017, at the end of October 2024. CWI extends its deepest gratitude for his dedicated service and leadership throughout his term.

In his reflection Johnny Grave said "It has been an absolute privilege to have been CEO of CWI since February 2017. Having just hosted a successful T20 World Cup and delivered significant surpluses for CWI for the third consecutive year, I do feel it is the right time for me and my family to seek a new challenge. I have received tremendous



Johnny Grave - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Cricket West Indies

support from so many people since becoming CEO and I'd like to thank everyone, especially the staff and the players, particularly during the difficult Pandemic, for their trust in me and their commitment to West Indies cricket. My family and I have loved living in Antigua and will leave with many special memories having watched our young children grow up here. I have put everything into this role, and now is the right time for someone new with fresh energy to lead the organisation and continue this important work and build on the strong foundations that are now in place."

Dr. Kishore Shallow, CWI President, expressed "Johnny's efforts, particularly through challenging times such as the COVID-

19 pandemic, as well as successfully hosting three World Cups including, the Women's World T20 in 2018, the Men's U19 Cricket World Cup in 2022 and recently, the Men's T20 World Cup, have made a lasting impact on CWI. Appreciably, the organisation has taken many positive strides during his tenure. A standout achievement is the acquisition and full ownership of the Coolidge Cricket Ground (CCG), which is now our headquarters and home to our Men's and Women's Academies. On behalf of the Board and all at CWI, I express heartfelt thanks to him for the unwavering commitment and leadership over the past several years."

Dr. Shallow further emphasised, "As we look forward to embracing a new chapter in the organisation's evolution, CWI is poised to deliver the new strategic plan and enter a new era of governance. This transition reflects our commitment to adapting and innovating in response to the evolving landscape of cricket."

Cricket West Indies will be initiating a comprehensive recruitment process to select the next CEO. The organisation is dedicated to ensuring a thorough and transparent selection process. Details regarding the recruitment process will be announced shortly and will be published across various media platforms to keep stakeholders informed.

My  
'To Do'  
List

- JOIN -

The St. Kitts-  
Nevis Trades  
& Labour  
Union

- TODAY -

## KUMAR'S is seeking to employ A Store Manager

### Requirements:

- \* Minimum qualification - Grade 12/CAPE
- \* More than 5 years relevant experience in wholesale and/or food industry
- \* Leadership/Management Skills
- \* Exceptional communication adeptness - both written and spoken
- \* Creative approach to work
- \* Excellent customer service skills
- \* Attention to details and ability to work under pressure
- Only the short-listed candidates will be contacted

Email: [kumar&kumsontrading.com](mailto:kumar&kumsontrading.com)



## Pinchos Bar & Grill

THE RETREAT - FRIGATE BAY, ST. KITTS

Is looking for

1. Tandook (Clay Oven) Cook
2. Food & Beverage Manager / Bartender

Please Tel: 764-3809

## Latin House Global Cuisine

Building #29, 1st Floor, Port Zante, Basseterre

Position Available

### One Indian Chef

- Must have minimum of 3 years experience

For details call:

**664-2233**

## EVERYDAY 2 SUPERMARKET

Main Street, Old Road, St. Kitts

Vacancies exist for

### One Cashier

&

One person for weighing and packaging.

Please call:

**668-3308**

## Zayka - Tiffin Service

### IS IN NEEDS 2 CHEFS

Must be able to cook

## Indian & Chinese Food

Call/ WhatsApp: Karan Vajani

**663-1962 / 765-7584**

## Decai Liang Lucky Restaurant

Sprott Street, Basseterre

## Looking for a Cook

Please contact -

**661-5185 or 667-0434**

## Vacancy Notice

Major Import and Distribution Company is seeking a new  
**Managing Director**

Requirements For The Position are:

- Fluency in both English and Italian Language
- Degree in Finance and Management or equivalent experience
- Excellent Leadership capabilities
- Proven Computer Skills specifically in Windows 365 Suits
- Integrity

Please send cover letter and resume to: [infoskn@mixitalia.com](mailto:infoskn@mixitalia.com) / [allery1786bys@outlook.com](mailto:allery1786bys@outlook.com) or contact 869-465-1846 for more info.

## THE SOMMELIER

Looking For

### Spanish Cuisine Chef

- ◇ Who can work as a team
- ◇ Who can prep & be creative for tapas as well as dessert menu
- ◇ Willing to work flexible hours

Please contact - **869-762-9463**

All enquiries to be sent along with two reference letters

## Maggie's International Inc

Trinity, St. Kitts

Looking for

- |             |   |            |
|-------------|---|------------|
| ◇ Manager   | * | Supervisor |
| ◇ Chef Sous | * | Chef       |
| ◇ Cleaner   | * | Bartender  |
| ◇ Waitress  | * |            |

Please contact - **766-3787**

Email: [maude4a4@gmail.com](mailto:maude4a4@gmail.com)

## LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCES, 1906 SCHEDULE A

To the Magistrate,  
District "A"

To the Superintendent of Police.

I, Julian Gabriel now residing in Lower Monkey Hill in the village of St. Peter's Place do hereby give you notice that it is my intention to apply on 02nd day of October 2024, to the District Magistrate at Basseterre for a Retail Liquor Licence in respect of my premises in Ramona Bar in George Street in Newtown in Basseterre.

Dated this  
07th day of August, 2024.

Signed: J. Gabriel



# OECS Commission Applauds Olympic Athletes

## OECS MEDIA RELEASE



The OECS Commission extends heartfelt congratulations to all participants and medallists from OECS Member States for their remarkable participation in the recently concluded Olympic Games. Your dedication and commitment have brought immense pride to our region, showcasing the extraordinary talent and resilience of OECS athletes on the global stage.

The Commission also acknowledges the invaluable support of Member States, National Olympic Committees, coaches, teachers, mentors, families, and support staff who have played a crucial role in preparing the region's athletes for this prestigious event. Your unwavering dedication has been instrumental in their success. We also express our gratitude to the host nation and the International Olympic Committee for organizing a successful and safe event, providing athletes with the opportunity to shine.

The OECS Commission remains committed to promoting sports as an enabler of sustainable development and fostering support for athletes as they pursue



their dreams. In March 2024 the Commission hosted the Inaugural OECS Council of Ministers: Youth and Sports and supported the 2024 OECS Invitational Boxing Championships in July 2024. In March 2024, the OECS Commission signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre of Sports Resources, Expertise and Performance (CREPS), located in Guadeloupe. The MoU allows OECS athletes to access CREPS's world-class facilities. The Commission looks forward to witnessing more remarkable achievements by the region's athletes in future international competitions.

The Commission recognises medallists from Independent OECS Member States: Thea LaFond, Commonwealth of Dominica, on her Gold Medal in the Women's Triple Jump; Anderson Peters, Grenada, on his Bronze Medal in the Men's Javelin Throw; Lindon Victor, Grenada, on his Bronze Medal, in the Men's Decathlon; and Julien Alfred, Saint Lucia, on her Gold Medal in the Women's 100m, and her Silver

Medal, in the Women's 200m. The OECS also applauds Shafiqua Maloney, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, placing 4th at the Women's 800m who narrowly missed out on a medal at the Olympic Games by just 0.2 seconds, but has inspired her nation and the region.

The Commission highlights medallists originating from the Associate Member State of Martinique representing France: Amandine Buchard, Bronze Medal in Judo (Women -52 kg) and Gold Medal in Judo (Mixed Team); Joan-Benjamin Gaba, Silver Medal in Judo (Men -73 kg) and Gold Medal in Judo (Mixed Team); Andy Timo, Gold Medal in Rugby Sevens (Men); Alexandra Louis-Marie, Silver Medal in Fencing (Women's Epee Team); Isaia Cordinier, Silver Medal in Basketball (Men); Andrew Albicy, Silver Medal in Basketball (Men); Mathias Lessort, Silver Medal in Basketball (Men); Althea Laurin, Gold Medal in Taekwondo (Women +67kg); Coralie Lassource, Silver Medal in Handball (Women); Iliana Rupert, Silver Medal in Basketball (Women); and Thierry Henry the Football Coach of the Silver Medal winning team.

The Commission commends medallists originating from the Associate Member State of Guadeloupe representing France: Jefferson-Lee Joseph, Gold Medal in Rugby Sevens (Men); Yannick Borel, Silver Medal in Fencing (Men's Epee Team); Sarah Leonie Cysique, Bronze Medal in Judo (Women -57kg) and Gold Medal in Judo (Mixed Team); Coraline Vitalis, Silver Medal in Fencing (Women's Epee Team); Teddy Riner, Gold Medal in Judo (Men +100 kg) and Gold Medal in Judo (Mixed Team); Enzo Lefort, Bronze Medal in Fencing (Men's Foil Team); Cyrian Ravet, Bronze Medal in Taekwondo (Men -58kg); Matthew Strazel, Silver Medal in Basketball (Men); Alexandre Lacazette, Silver Medal in Football (Men); Kiliann Sildillia, Silver Medal in Football (Men); Meline Nocandy, Silver Medal in Handball (Women); and Orlane Kanor, Silver Medal in Handball (Women).

The Commission also shines a spotlight on Marie- Florence Candassamy, for her Silver Medal in Fencing (Women's Epee Team). Through her mother and father she is a medallist with origins from the Associate Member States of Martinique and Guadeloupe, representing France.

Congratulations once again to all our athletes for their exceptional achievements. Your efforts and accomplishments serve as a beacon of inspiration for us all.

### PARIS 2024 Athletes

| Athlete                   | OECS        | Independent Member State/Team/NOC                           | Discipline |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Cejhae Greene             |             | Antigua and Barbuda                                         | Athletics  |
| Joella Lloyd              |             | Antigua and Barbuda                                         | Athletics  |
| Ellie Shaw                |             | Antigua and Barbuda                                         | Swimming   |
| Tiger Tyson               |             | Antigua and Barbuda                                         | Sailing    |
| Jadon Wuilliez            |             | Antigua and Barbuda                                         | Swimming   |
| Thea LaFond               |             | Commonwealth of Dominica                                    | Athletics  |
|                           |             | Gold, Event: Women's Triple Jump)                           |            |
| Warren Adam Lawrence      |             | Commonwealth of Dominica                                    | Swimming   |
| Dennick Luke              |             | Commonwealth of Dominica                                    | Athletics  |
| Jasmine Schofield         |             | Commonwealth of Dominica                                    | Swimming   |
| Tilly Collymore           |             | Grenada                                                     | Swimming   |
| Zackary Gresham           |             | Grenada                                                     | Swimming   |
| Halle Hazzard             |             | Grenada                                                     | Athletics  |
| Kirani James              |             | Grenada                                                     | Athletics  |
| Anderson Peters           |             | Grenada (Bronze Medal, Event: Men's Javelin Throw)          | Athletics  |
| Lindon Victor             |             | Grenada (Bronze Medal, Event: Men's Decathlon)              | Athletics  |
| Zahria Allers-Liburd      |             | Saint Kitts and Nevis                                       | Athletics  |
| Naquille Harris           |             | Saint Kitts and Nevis                                       | Athletics  |
| Troy Nisbett              |             | Saint Kitts and Nevis                                       | Athletics  |
| Julien Alfred             | Saint Lucia | (Gold, Event: Women's 100m; Silver, Event: Women's 200m)    | Athletics  |
| Luc Chevrier              |             | Saint Lucia                                                 | Sailing    |
| Michael Joseph            |             | Saint Lucia                                                 | Athletics  |
| Jayhan Jamaud Odlum-Smith |             | Saint Lucia                                                 | Swimming   |
| Kennice Alphenie Greene   |             | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines                            | Swimming   |
| Alex Joachim              |             | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines                            | Swimming   |
| Shafiqua Maloney          |             | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (4th, Event: Women's 800m) | Athletics  |
| Handal Roban              |             | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines                            | Athletics  |

\*NOC- National Olympic Committee